

HUNTING STANDARDS (10-HUN)

Description - Guided Hunting services provide opportunities to pursue and harvest big game with experienced, technically proficient, registered guide-outfitters. Services may also involve transportation, equipment, camping, and meal services. Camps are established according to Leave-No-Trace (LNT) principles. Overnight meals are in accordance with Backcountry Food and Beverage standards (10-FBK). Hunting Field Observation forms are used to collect information in the field.

***Standards that can only be observed in the field are marked with an asterisk (*).**

In general, the following definitions apply to these terms throughout the standards:

Adequate:	As much as necessary for the intended duration of use
Appropriate:	Suitable to the level of service or as specified in the operating plan
Clean:	Free from dirt, marks, stains, or unwanted matter
Neat:	Arranged in an orderly, tidy manner
Operational:	In use or ready for use
Sufficient:	Enough for the number of persons
Well-maintained:	Kept in good order or condition

Standard Number	EQUIPMENT STANDARDS	A, B, C Ranking
	Transportation	
1	<u>Registration, Licensing, and Insurance</u> - Transportation vessels (planes, boats) and operators are licensed and insured in accordance with federal and state laws.	A
2	<u>Identification</u> - License tags are current; and associated documentation and licenses are available on request.	A
3	<u>Firearms</u> - Firearms and ammunition are adequately and safely transported.	A
	Equipment	
4	<u>Hunting Equipment</u> - Hunting and game packing equipment is adequate, operational, and well-maintained.	A
5	<u>Overnight Camping</u> - Overnight gear and equipment is adequate, clean, and well-maintained.	B
6	<u>Personal Flotation Devices</u> - Sufficient personal flotation devices are adequate and well-maintained for boating activities.	A
7	<u>Water Purification</u> - Water purifiers are adequate and operational. Water storage is sufficient for the duration of the trip and the number of clients and guides.	A
	Safety	
8	<u>Emergency Equipment</u> - Appropriate emergency medical equipment is adequate, well-maintained, and operational.	A
9	<u>Communication</u> - Emergency communication equipment is adequate, two-way, and operational.	A

10	*	Unaccompanied Hunters - Hunters are accompanied by guides in the field at all times.	A
		OPERATIONAL STANDARDS	
		Services	
		Reservation Services	
11		Availability - Reservation services are available via telephone, mail, and fax during business hours; and internet 24/7, if available.	B
12		Trip Information - Guides or staff provide accurate trip information. Matching information is posted on the concessioner's website, if available.	B
13		Deposits - Deposit policies are approved by the park, and deposit information is disclosed at the time of the reservation.	B
14		Trip Cancellation - Trip cancellation policy includes notification and refund procedures, and is approved by the park.	A
		Hunting Services	
15		Safety and Activity Orientation - Safety briefing at a minimum includes: • Safety and emergency procedures • Hunting rules/regulations • Game meat and trophy handling • LNT practices Safety briefings for daily activities and excursions are given.	A
16	*	Meat and Trophy Handling - State of Alaska game meat handling and salvaging regulations are adhered to.	A
17	*	Game Tags - Appropriate game tags are attached promptly.	A
18	*	Campfires - Where allowed, only dead or downed wood is used for campfires. Fires are built only on gravel bars, mineral soil, or in a fire pan, and are never left unattended.	A
19	*	Safety and Security Requirements - Hunt guides inspect hunting and safety equipment and monitor hunter's condition to provide the safest hunt possible.	A
20		Group Size - Hunting trip group sizes do not exceed authorized limits.	B
21		Hunter/Guide Ratios - Client-to-guide ratios are adhered to.	B
22	*	Use Allocation - Use allocation and assigned area restrictions are adhered to.	A
23		Hunt Record - Hunt Record documents (AS 08.54.760) are submitted to the state and the park after the completion of the hunt, in accordance with the law and as specified in the contract.	A
		Environmental Protection	
24	*	Garbage and Trash - Garbage is collected after each meal, contained in appropriate wildlife-proof containers, and transported off-site.	A
25	*	Hazardous Materials - Fuel and other hazardous materials are handled, stored, and disposed of in compliance with state and federal laws, and in accordance with park-approved risk and environmental management plans.	A

26	*	Sanitation - Human waste disposal procedures are followed in accordance with Backcountry and Leave-No-Trace (LNT) policies, as well as other park and public health requirements.	A
27	*	Camping - Base and spike camps are established on the most durable surfaces available in accordance with Backcountry and Leave-No-Trace (LNT) policies. Base camps are removed at the end of the season; spike camps are removed at the end of each hunt.	B
28	*	Caching - No equipment or food caches are left unattended, unless kept in permitted storage containers.	A
29	*	Protection of Natural and Cultural Resources - Except for hunt quarry, natural and cultural resources or artifacts are not disturbed or removed.	A
		Personnel	
30		Guide/Crew Qualifications and Licenses - Guides have the level of skill and experience required by the contract. Guides have Wilderness First Responder Certifications. Licenses and certifications are available upon request.	A
31		Training - Guides are trained in: • Communications • Firearms safety • Bear safety • Fire safety • Camp safety • Leave-No-Trace Training is documented and available upon request.	A
		Rates	
32		Approved Rates - Rates and other customer charges do not exceed those approved by the superintendent.	A

Ranking Definitions

Major: First Priority (A) conditions or practices create or have the potential to exert a **significant** impairment to visitor or employee health and safety, park resources, visitor services or visitor enjoyment, Concession Facilities, or associated personal property.

Moderate: Second Priority (B) conditions or practices create or have the potential to exert a **moderate** impairment to visitor or employee health and safety, park resources, visitor services or visitor enjoyment, Concession Facilities, or associated personal property.

Minor: Third Priority (C) conditions or practices create or have a potential to exert a **minor** impairment to visitor or employee health and safety, park resources, visitor services or visitor enjoyment, Concession Facilities, or associated personal property.