

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

10	*	<b>Unaccompanied Hunters</b> - Hunters are accompanied by guides in the field at all times.	A
<b>OPERATIONAL STANDARDS</b>			
<b>Services</b>			
<b>Reservation Services</b>			
11		<b>Availability</b> - Reservation services are available via telephone, mail, and fax during business hours; and internet 24/7, if available.	B
12		<b>Trip Information</b> - Guides or staff provide accurate trip information. Matching information is posted on the concessioner's website, if available.	B
13		<b>Deposits</b> - Deposit policies are approved by the park, and deposit information is disclosed at the time of the reservation.	B
14		<b>Trip Cancellation</b> - Trip cancellation policy includes notification and refund procedures, and is approved by the park.	A
<b>Hunting Services</b>			
15		<b>Safety and Activity Orientation</b> - Safety briefing at a minimum includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety and emergency procedures</li> <li>• Hunting rules/regulations</li> <li>• Game meat and trophy handling</li> <li>• LNT practices</li> </ul> Safety briefings for daily activities and excursions are given.	A
16	*	<b>Meat and Trophy Handling</b> - State of Alaska game meat handling and salvaging regulations are adhered to.	A
17	*	<b>Game Tags</b> - Appropriate game tags are attached promptly.	A
18	*	<b>Campfires</b> - 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	*	<b>Safety and Security Requirements</b> - Hunt guides inspect hunting and safety equipment and monitor hunter's condition to provide the safest hunt possible.	A
20		<b>Group Size</b> - Hunting trip group sizes do not exceed authorized limits.	B
21		<b>Hunter/Guide Ratios</b> - Client-to-guide ratios are adhered to.	B
22	*	<b>Use Allocation</b> - Use allocation and assigned area restrictions are adhered to.	A
23		<b>Hunt Record</b> - 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
<b>Environmental Protection</b>			
24	*	<b>Garbage and Trash</b> - Garbage is collected after each meal, contained in appropriate wildlife-proof containers, and transported off-site.	A
25	*	<b>Hazardous Materials</b> - 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	*	<b>Sanitation</b> - 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	*	<b>Camping</b> - 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	*	<b>Caching</b> - No equipment or food caches are left unattended, unless kept in permitted storage containers.	A
29	*	<b>Protection of Natural and Cultural Resources</b> - Except for hunt quarry, natural and cultural resources or artifacts are not disturbed or removed.	A
<b>Personnel</b>			
30		<b>Guide/Crew Qualifications and Licenses</b> - 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		<b>Training</b> - Guides are trained in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communications</li> <li>• Firearms safety</li> <li>• Bear safety</li> <li>• Fire safety</li> <li>• Camp safety</li> <li>• Leave-No-Trace</li> </ul> Training is documented and available upon request.	A
<b>Rates</b>			
32		<b>Approved Rates</b> - 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.