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### Spring 2012 News Letter

Thanks to all the guests this past April who came to Alaska. Some of you for the first time and others on their continued adventures in the Great State of Alaska.

Well winter was long and hard in Dillingham this year with the most snow that I had seen in my 12 years of hunting there. It was nice to be able to snowmobile just about anywhere we wanted to, but it did keep the bears in there dens a bit longer this year.

Great job to all the guest for keeping with it out there and working hard to get the hunts done and get their bears and wolves. We took 3 wolves and 9 bears this spring. The bears ranged from 8 foot to 10 foot. All the bears had good coats on them with a few just being unreal with 5 to 6 inch long hair, they will all make great rugs or mounts, guys please send pictures when you have them done. Of the 9 bears taken 5 were 9 foot or bigger. Steve Munz will take the honors for the largest bear this year, being 10 foot and weighing somewhere around 1,100 to 1,200 pounds, he was truly a big old bear, and what a fun hunt, way to go Steve. Jimmy Paape took the 2nd largest bear in the high 9's, with Roy Gully 3rd and Leon Hurst coming in a close 4<sup>th</sup>. I must say to all of you that Jimmy and his hunt will always be in my heart, he has Lou Gehrigs disease and persevered thru much to get to his bear and make a great shot on him on the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last day of his trip. We spent the night out in a cabin 55 miles from the landing, thank goodness for friends in Alaska who have cabins to use if needed, thanks Mark, and brought home a beautiful bear, way to go Jimmy, I know it was tough on you, but we earned that one, I know you are smiling, awesome job.

Congratulations to Bob Gawlick on a great wolf , I can't wait to see him mounted also.

Once again, Thank You all for hunting with me and putting up with my hard driven personality, I hope you know it is for all of you, and I love seeing you guys get the bears and wolves you come to hunt.

Thanks, Darwin