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Canada Moose, Black Bear and Grizzly Hunting in North Central, British Columbia, Canada



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It only took one hunt for new Guide Mike to get in the swing of it. A hard-working guy and good hunter, Mike fit right in with the Omineca Crew. He hunted hard all season and he got lucky too. **Mike guided two of our Spring Monsters**, Guillermo's 7'3" boar (above) and cousin Rene's 7 footer. Mike took the impressive trophy pic above of Guillermo (left) and Rene (right). Good job, boys!

For a PDF about our **2011 Spring Bear Season**, here's the link www.ominca.bc.ca/hunt/2011springhuntnews.pdf

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The Fall Hunt Call of the Moose

We hunt Moose in a few ways, classic spot and stalk, as well, still hunting and calling. To get into our various hunting areas we use boat, canoe, quad, 4x4 and floatplane. The **Moose Rut** starts in the first week of September and runs through to the third week of October.

For Fall **Black Bear** best time is from **August 15th until the end of September**. In September and October there's also the chance to hunt **Wolf, Deer** and **Small Game**. We hunt **Grizzly** in October



View of Grizzly Mtn
From the Lodge

Robert from Germany had a real BC Hunting adventure. On the third day of his hunt, he took this third year Bull (right). He made a perfect shot when he decided to take the bull. Hunter and camp rejoiced. **After his Moose hunt, Robert hiked Grizzly Mtn.** Breaking the treeline he found 3 Mountain Goat Billies, stalked up to them and took some great photos. Robert enjoyed the Moose Hunt but said his Goat experience alone was worth the trip. Far right is one of the Robert's Billy pics.



This Billy is part of a small herd that live on Grizzly Mountain, We watch them from the lodge all season. But sorry boys, No Hunting

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Guide Shaun and Santiago



Don from New York practicing his moose call. The call we usually use is "cow in heat" although we use various cow calls and sometimes bull or even calf calls. For a **cow in heat call** say the word "urn". Now draw it out "uurrrrrn!".



Diego's 1st Grouse



Double Lake Trail

During the rut, Bulls often seek high ground with cover surrounding lakes and swamps. Places like the hills pictured here. They'll sometimes station themselves on a hill for a day or more just waiting and listening for a Cow in heat.



Safari-style **Shooting Sticks** can be a great shooting rest for mid-range shots. During the hunt, all Guides carry Sticks for their hunters to use them, if we need them.



During the Moose Hunt you can add **Black Bear** as a **Fall Combo Hunt**. Enrique took this dark colour-phase Black in the second week of October



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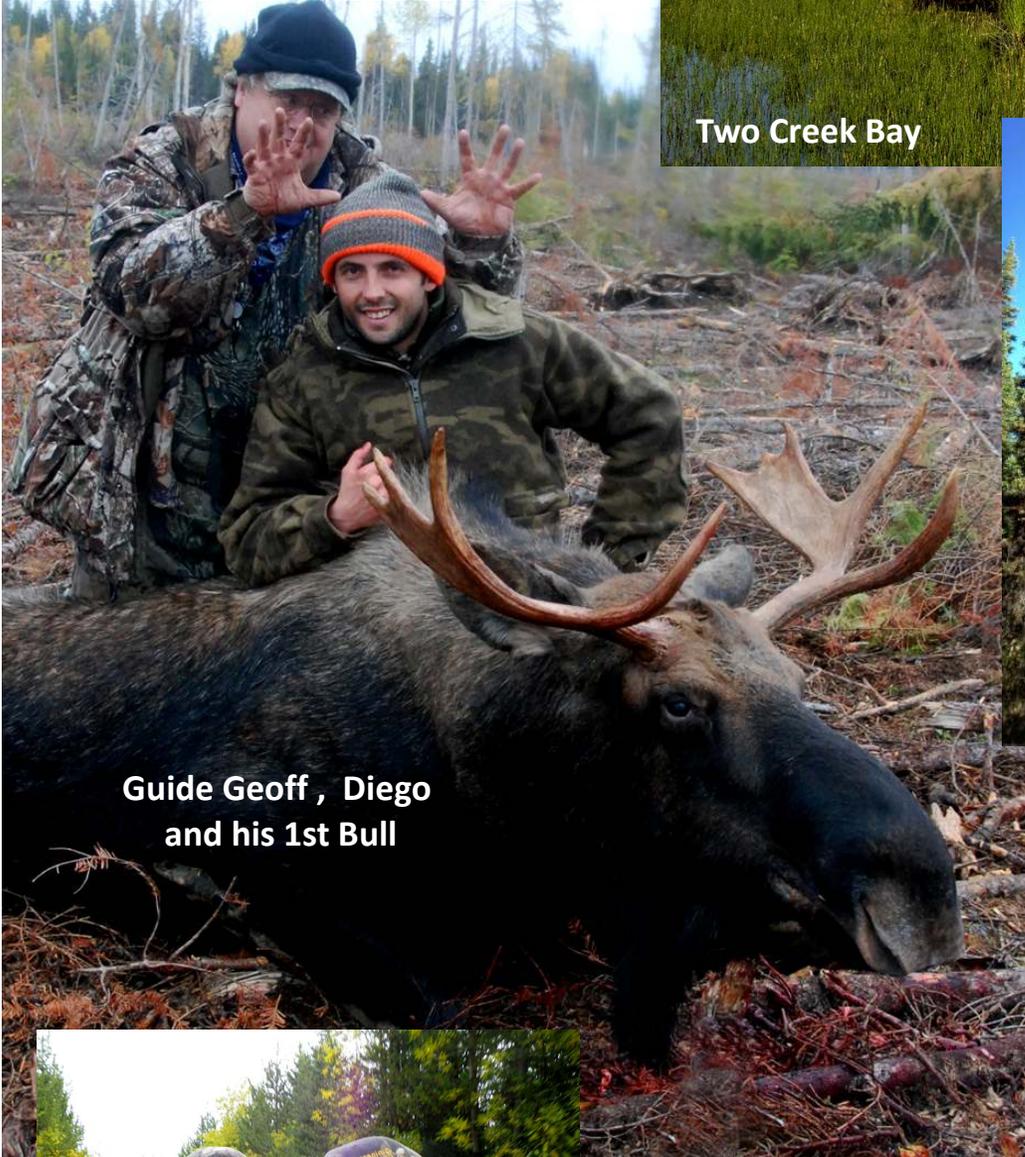
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Ben, Bull and Vinnie



Two Creek Bay



Guide Geoff , Diego
and his 1st Bull



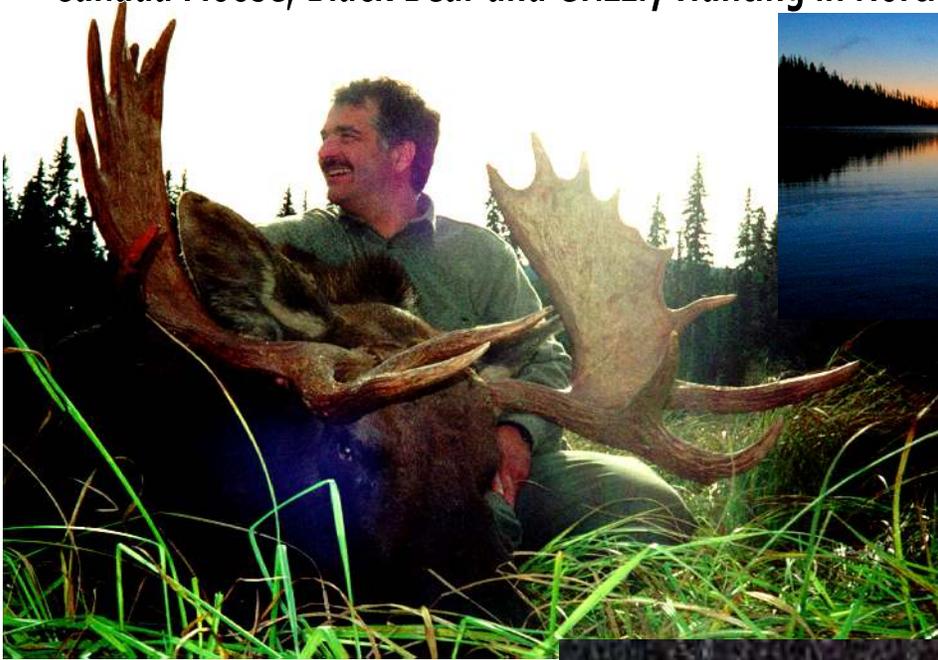
Blue Lake Stand



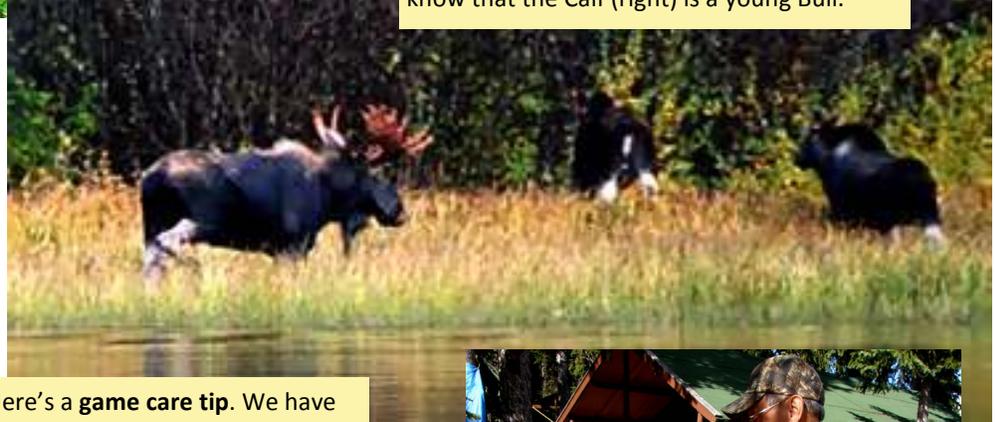
Two over 40" in Two days

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Below is a **typical grouping of Moose** seen during the Rut. Cow (center), Calf (right) and Bull. And there's always a chance that there are **other Bulls shadowing the group out of sight**. It's said that when the Bull is leading the Cow, they've already mated. The Bull below is waiting for his chance. *Note the white spot under the Cow's tail. Only Cows have the white spot.* So from this photo, we know that the Calf (right) is a young Bull.



Here's a **game care tip**. We have found that before they are butchered, **optimal hanging time for game quarters is 3 days**. A properly long-aged piece of prime beef is a beautiful thing. But game meat is different. Because of its leaner structure, the taste & tenderness of game meat doesn't improve with longer hanging time. It usually just tastes "gamier" as it dries. Hang three days is the way.



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A few drinks and another bear story

Thanks to all our Hunters and the Omineca Crew for a jolly and very successful 2011 Season. We're looking forward to 2012. We hope that 2012 is a good one for you.

We still have some primetime hunts available for the 2012 Season. We are also booking 2013. Contact me for Details and Booking.

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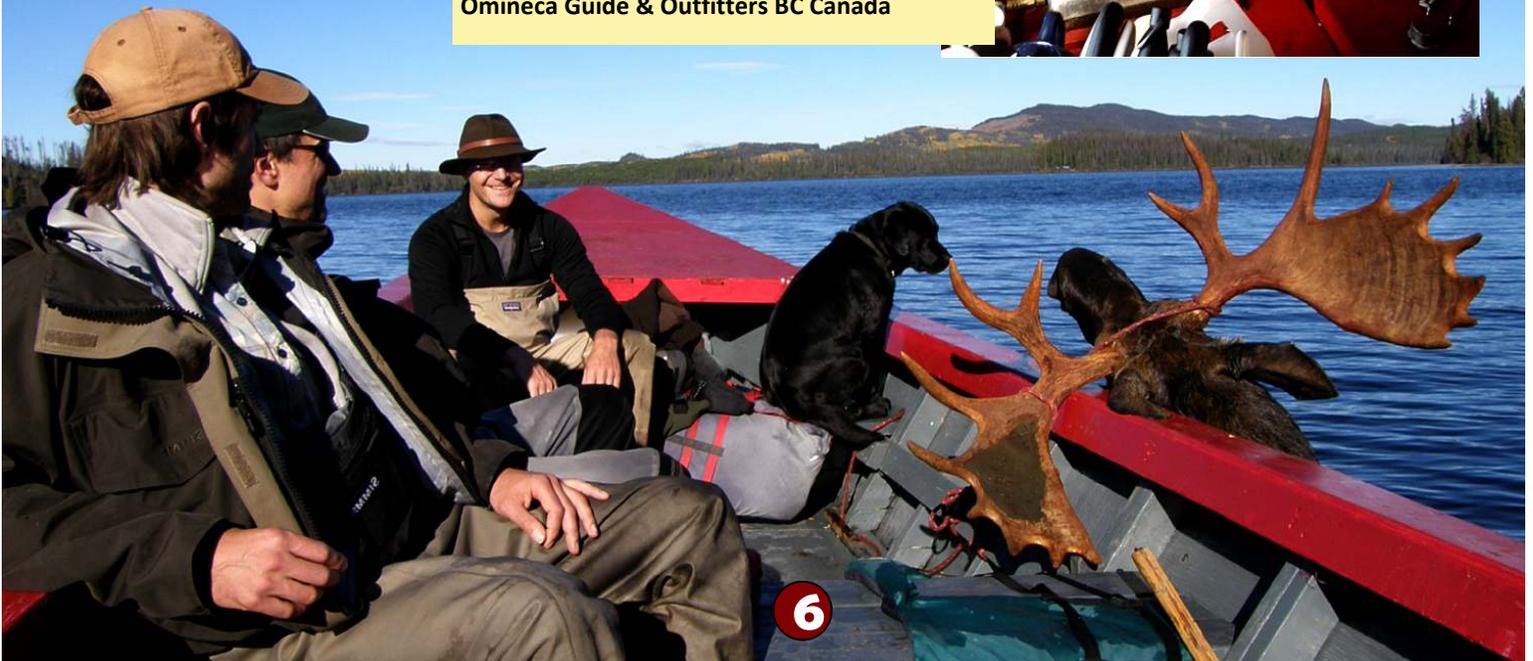
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Outfitter Frank



Jilly - Chef de Cuisine



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Herbert from Germany has hunted with us many times and has taken Bear and Moose. 2011 was the second time that Herbert's wife, Marion has accompanied him. We had a good hunt and great time together.

Secrets of Black Bear Trophy Photography

It's not easy to take a good photo of a black subject. Labradors and Black Bears included. Sunny days can make for strong contrasts, often making a black subject, a featureless black blob. The more diffused light of overcast days can get better results.



My "in-the-field" photo of Herbert's September 2011 Bear. This is the type of photo I often try to get: hunter beside the Bear, holding the head up. Usually this kind of shot gives a good impression of a Black Bear's size and individual characteristics.

It's All Relative

Marion's Exercise in Trophy Photography

When we brought Herbert's Bear back to camp, Marion wanted to take more photos. In preparing for a few more shots we talked about framing, light and perspective and the pros and cons of placing the trophy in the foreground. **You want to get an impressive but "true" shot of trophy and hunter.** It's normal to put the trophy in the foreground but some photographers get carried away. That's where the "cheating" begins. They'll get in close to the trophy and then put the hunter behind the trophy, way behind.

Marion thought it was funny and thought she and Herbert should try some examples of various degrees of "cheating". It was a fun exercise and we had some good laughs. Here are results. I've laid out Marion's three pics so that Herbert's relative size stayed the same and the Bear keeps growing.

For more about trophy photography or anything else, contact me anytime.
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