



## **PARKER GUIDE SERVICE ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (EEC)**

Our Essential Eligibility Criteria is applicable to all participating hunters and non hunters accompanying hunters out on USFS lands with our company. We aspire to provide you, our potential client, the information of what would be required of you in order for you to discern and objectively make a decision about whether or not this service would meet your needs and what you are looking for.

It is our sincere desire to offer clients opportunities to experience and enjoy outdoor recreation at its finest. We strive to educate our clients about the beauty and resource of where we live, The Tongass National Forrest, and all the amazement that it holds. Your enjoyment of discovering this beautiful place is what we hope to share with you while you are with us. To help you identify the skills you will need to successfully participate in a hunt with us, we have developed the following Essential Eligibility Criteria (EEC). The criteria is applicable to all of our hunters and non hunters that accompany the hunter and guide out into the field.

If you are unable to meet certain criteria, please contact us. We may be able to assist you with a reasonable accommodation, unless it would change the fundamental nature or safety of the hunt, and the safety of other clients, guides, or crew members.

Use the following table to help you determine if our hunting experiences that Parker Guide Service offers would be something that you could mentally and physically consider for your next Alaskan adventure....

### **Each participant must be able to...**

Comprehend the inherent risks of the activity that you would partake in, which would include being on water, in water craft, transporting to and from Yacht and shore in smaller boats, walking on rocky beaches and, forging streams and stream banks (for the fall bear hunts only) . Also included would be the use of firearms, and hunting/pursuing dangerous game with the possibility of noticeable weather changes. This may/may not include being able to take a float plane to/from the vessel. If the later is not to your liking, other special accommodations can be made in advance to pick you up and drop you off in either Sitka, Petersburg, or Juneau.

Perceive and comprehend the inherent risks of the hunting activity, including, but not limited to, the ones previously identified by Parker Guide Service. Be able to stay alert and focus attention for the duration of the hunt, unless taking a scheduled break in a safe area.

Effectively signal or notify your hunting guide or other crew member onboard of personal distress, injury or need for assistance.

Manage all personal care or activities of daily living independently or with the assistance of a companion and communicating with Parker Guide Service of any needs prior to the hunt.

Contribute to a safe hunting environment. No harassing or abusive behavior of others for any reason is tolerated.

Follow physical mobility requirements independently or with assistance of a companion or adaptive equipment.

Practice Leave No Trace principles on Tongass Forrest Service Land.

Practice all gun safety requirements at ALL times: there is no room for error when it comes to firearm safety. Abiding by the following safety rules will prevent a tragedy.

- 1 Consider All guns always loaded.
- 2 Never let the muzzle cover anything you are not intentionally or willing to destroy.
- 3 Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target and you have decided to fire.
- 4 Be sure of the target, as well as the surroundings and beyond.

We tolerate no drinking while handling firearms, period. This would be grounds for ending your hunt. We take gun safety very seriously.

**Each hunter/non hunter must be able to understand that....**

Ease of access and exit to and from vessel to shore might be impacted by weather changes, and you must be able to adapt to terrain changes brought on by inclement weather as well as changing light conditions. This may include rain, snow, ice, cold, tree cover, moss, seaweed, sand, etc. Come prepared for some rough, uneven terrain or let us know ahead of time if this may be an issue for you. We do our very best to accommodate our clients with alternative options.

You must meet the physical demands of the hunt: sitting and glassing in smaller skiffs for up to several hours a day (breaks are of course included). Sitting on shore, spotting and making short stalks on big game safely, being able to tolerate increased seas for a minimal time while moving the larger vessel, or skiffing back after hunting if weather picks up. Being in close proximity to ice burgs if on a Mountain Goat hunt.

Independently, or with the assistance of a companion, understand and follow directions and instructions given by registered guides to avoid hazards and/or manage risks. This includes following emergency procedures.

Withstand environmental factors associated with the hunt (i.e., temperatures below freezing during winter activities, possible temperatures above 80°F or hotter during summer activities, or variable water temperatures and sea conditions during paddling activities if Kayaks/skiffs are used.

If there happens to be wounded game, by following proper safety procedures given by the registered guide.

Participant must be able to enter and exit a 16ft. skiff (smaller boat) independently or with the assistance of a companion.

Each participant must be able to do the following when traveling in skiffs and kayaks. While in the water wearing a properly fitted USCG approved lifejacket/floatation device.

Independently remain in an appropriate and safe body position, while in a skiff, being able to remain upright and seated.

Independently, or with the assistance of a companion, put on and take off equipment.

Independently, or with the assistance of a companion, communicate necessary hunting signals. These signals may include spoken signals, hand signals that you and your guide have worked out prior to your hunt starting.

To have knowledge of your weapon and how to use it. To practice with said weapon prior to coming hunting. Please no new firearms that you have never shot, or new bows. Prepare by shooting as much as possible before arrival. To increase your average of success you must practice.

Maintain balance on uneven surfaces and keep an upright position independently or with the use of personal adaptive equipment.

Independently move from a seated position to a standing position, unless advanced options are discussed between guide and hunter/non-hunter.

Lastly, we expect all guests to comply with all United State Coast Guard regulations while onboard the Alaskan Harvest as well as our smaller vessels. No recreational drugs will be tolerated.

We expect all hunters to comply with all hunting requirements and regulations of the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game just as we expect all Parker Guide Service guides to abide by the rules and regulations of ADF & G. Guides will also be required to abide by the Alaska State Registered Guide Board of Game Licensure regulations for guide ethics, as well as that all guides are in compliance with the USFS (where your hunt will be conducted is on USFS lands. We have allocated permitted use for our clients to do so) as well as any other state or federal laws that we must adhere to. Copies of Alaskas F & G hunting and fishing regulations manual are available on the shelf by the main cabin settee lounge area onboard the Alaskan Harvest.

Please feel free to let us know of any questions or concerns that you may have or if we have left anything out of this EEC that you feel is pertinent. We are more than happy to work with you in whatever way we can to ensure that you have an amazing hunt and wilderness experience while with Parker Guide Service,