



**Larry Hassell** from Texas, with one of his two Black Bear. The following is part of a write up that Larry wrote in the Austin SCI News

There had been a couple of stalks that didn't pan out on large bears and several opportunities for bears that would have been immediate targets if hunting in other locations. But I was holding out for a large boar. As we watched yet another bear on Thursday afternoon, Jim reminded me that I had two bears to shoot that week and we were on our fourth day of a six day hunt. I knew that I didn't want to go home as a "Black Bear Virgin"

And decided I would take the next mature bear we saw. Later that afternoon Jim pointed out a bear feeding on the shoulder of the logging road we were travelling. Considering the ease of retrieving that animal and considering my need to fill a tag, I slipped down the road and waited for the bear to turn so that I could see his shoulder. Bear reportedly have relatively poor eyesight, but can hear well and have very good noses. Thankfully the wind was from the right direction and steady, so I was able to approach without detection. Finally the feeding bear turned and I had my shot. He dropped immediately and rolled into the ditch. It was a well furred 5' boar. I walked up to my first bear kill and felt some relief that my first one was down. Jim drove up, congratulated me and commented about the shot. Before we had an opportunity to load my first bear, Jim quietly pointed further down the road. A second bear, obviously somewhat larger, was lumbering down the shoulder of the road, grazing on the new grass and clover. Without further discussion I checked the cartridge in my rifle and began the stalk. The bear was moving steadily away from me as he fed.

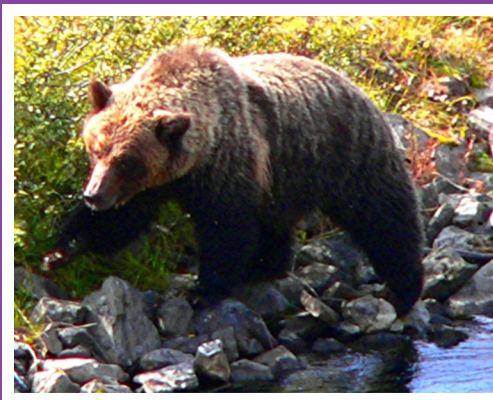
His black stern seamed 5" wide and he rolled as he walked, his long black coat glistened in the afternoon sun. As I shortened the distance I realized I had to wait until the bear turned. Thankfully I could see a cured ahead, causing the bear to come broadside as he came around the bend. One quick shot and he was gone, but soon we could hear his dying moans, not unlike how I heard people describe the moans of a dying Cape Buffalo. Oh how lovely was that sound.

Now that we had the first bear loaded, we proceeded down the road to where the next bear had been shot. The second bear lay only a few feet beyond the ditch, probably not 20 feet from where he was shot. Two bears within 10 minutes of each other. The second bear measured a strong 6 feet. **My hunt was over.**

**In the four days of the six day hunt, Larry and I saw over 40 bears. This is typical of a spring Black bear hunt in this part of British Columbia**



A Sow Grizzly and her Cub feeding on the spawning Sockeye Salmon from the Nadina River. With the fairly large salmon run in the river, the Grizzly had lots to eat for the winter months ahead. A few Black Bears were around also.



Another Grizzly checking along the stream banks for any salmon that has died and washed up on the rocks.



**Tom Madsen** from Washington with his first Bull Moose

This year there were very few wild berries for the bears to eat, so many Grizzly and a few brave Black Bear fished the Nadina River near the Salmon Spawning Channel and also fished the Channel to feed up for the winter. The channel operator said there were 12 Grizzly and I heard later there were 16 working the area.

There was a single sow, a sow with one cub, a sow with two cubs, a sow with three cubs, and two boars. I do not know what the other four Grizzly were. A good population of Grizzly for sure.

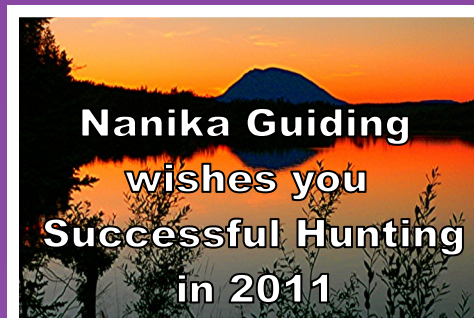
Patti Hollibaugh came for a spring Grizzly hunt, but we could not find a Grizzly anywhere. I wished she could have taken a Grizzly as she would have been the first woman to take a Grizzly with Nanika Guiding

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