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To anyone thinking about booking a hunt in Russia:

I just wanted to take a moment and express how happy my brother and I are that we booked our 2017 brown bear hunt in Kamchatka, Russia with DGOA.

We researched Russian hunts online, at sportsman shows and got customer referrals from hunters who had already been brown bear hunting in Kamchatka with different outfits, many of which are no longer in business. It didn't take long for us to learn that DGOA had by far the highest success rate and had the most established network of PROFESSIONAL outfitters in the business.

Our initial decision to book with Denny came after speaking with him over the phone for over an hour. Of course, having never been on a hunt of this caliber, we had a ton of questions. In fact, we had a lot of reservations! In the months leading up to our hunt the mainstream media was basically doing its best to trash U.S. and Russian relations, literally on a 24/7 basis. With all the media hype on television we were almost convinced that a hunt in Russia may be a really bad idea. However, as Denny discussed with us in length, the Russian people are just like us in the sense that they value business. They aren't offended by the media hype, they are just trying to earn a living. We would be their customers and that they very much wanted our business, and repeat business. Denny stated to me, "Mike, you guys are in business... Would you turn down really good business just because the customer is from Russia?... of course not. These guys will value your business and will treat you well."And he was being honest. They really treated us really well. In fact, they went over and above what we ever expected to make sure we had everything we needed, to make sure we were safe and to make sure we were comfortable. We were, at all times attended by an English speaking agent.

Denny is totally hands-on with his business. So much so that he actually met us at the lobby of our hotel in Moscow upon our arrival! We never expected to ever meet him in person. We had no idea he would be in Russia to meet us. He said he likes to meet his clients in person so that can be ensured that they are in good hands. We were really impressed!

Talking to other hunters who had gone through other outfitters made us realize just how well organized Denny's operation is. We heard all the horror stories from non-DGOA booked hunters about outfitters' outdated vehicles breaking down and leaving hunters stranded in the wilderness, to camps running out of food for the hunters with two days of hunting left. One hunter told me that his guide didn't even have binoculars. Things like this do not happen in Denny's outfit. DGOA only uses professional outfitters with the best areas and the biggest bears. All of our outfitter's equipment was seemingly brand new – his trucks, boat motors, snowmobiles, radios, sat phones, even the base camp itself - all of their equipment and accommodations were excellent. The guides were extremely knowledgeable, friendly and worked tirelessly to help us get the opportunities we ended up getting at the monster brown bears we had traveled so far for.

I told Denny right after we had booked our hunt with him that my brother and I were only going to go on a hunt like this once and Denny replied, "You will get our best whether you hunt with us once or whether you book with us every year. I'm in business to uphold my reputation and give my customers hunts of a lifetime." **That is exactly what we got, the hunt of a lifetime!** We had such an amazing time and made great friends. My brother and I have decided to plan another hunt in Kamchatka, and **when we book we will look no further than Denny Geurink's Outdoor Adventures.** Period!

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