



### **Organizational Background:**

Founded in 1998 and based in Fairbanks, Alaska, Arctic Wild is a high quality, professional guide service with an impeccable safety record. Our science and film projects have ranged from rafting expeditions on remote and largely unexplored rivers to jet-boat expeditions in the Brooks Range, snowmobile treks along the Chukchi Coast, supporting federal research programs in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, to helping individuals and film companies find and film caribou aggregations in the arctic. With our background in field science and logistical coordination and fifteen plus years of organizational experience running recreational trips large and small throughout Alaska, Arctic Wild has increased productivity and ensured success for a wide range of field projects.

### **Science Support Projects:**

*April 2015 and April 2016*, Wildlife Conservation Society: Training field staff in Sea-Ice safety, Polar Bear Safety and Field protocols for an ice-based migration study in the Chukchi Sea near Pt. Barrow, AK

*August 2014*, USDA Forest Service: Camp support and catering for Forest Inventory program in the eastern interior

*June 2011*, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Dr. Matt Nolan: Raft and field camp support, river safety training for glaciology studies in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

*June 2011*, Texas A&M, Archeology, Raft and camp support for archeological study in Wrangell St. Elias National Park.

*July 2008*, State of Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources: Raft and camp support for hydrological and archeological field work in interior and south-central Alaska.

*June 2007*, United States Geological Survey: Geological fieldwork, sampling, and mapping on the Charley River in interior Alaska.

### **Film and Photography Trips:**

*September 2014- August 2016*, Animal Planet: The Last Alaskans. 8 months of field camps and guide services for film crews in the Brooks Range and other locations in interior Alaska. Activities ranged from mid-winter snow-machine travel to 1,200 mile boat trips, in temperatures ranging from -55 to 80 degrees.

*July 2015*, BBC: The Great Race. Full logistical support including flights, camp, guides and consultation services for caribou aggregation filming in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

*October 2013*, BBC (British Broadcast Corporation): Alaska Wildlife. Field Camp and Guide Services for film crew shooting caribou footage in Kobuk Valley National Park.

*Spring 2013*, NDR Television: National Parks Special. Winter camp supported by snow machine and fixed wing aircraft.

*June 2009*, MacGillivray-Freeman Films: To the Arctic. Raft and field camp support for IMAX film targeting, caribou migrations in the Brooks Range. Natural History consultation, field logistics, and general operations for a rotating film crew in 6 different locations across arctic Alaska.

*June 2009*, Ingo Arndt Photography: Wildlife photography support for caribou shoot in ANWR.

*June 2008*, Alaska Wilderness League: Arctic Refuge Stock Footage: Air and camp logistics, raft and ground support services.



## **Personal Background (owners)**

### **Michael Wald:**

20 years of professional guiding including winter trips by snowshoe, ski, dogsled, and snow machine. Raft, canoe, and backpacking trips through out Alaska, Eastern Canada, and the Western United States. Zodiac driver and naturalist in south Atlantic and Antarctic.

In addition to recreational guiding activities Michael has been involved with arctic science, conducting research and providing logistical support for North Slope Borough Division of Wildlife Management, and the National Park Service. Duties have included sea-ice based field camp management, training of ice-based technicians for polar bear and sea-ice safety, oceanographic instrumentation, snow machine repair and maintenance, wildlife observation, data collection, rafting, river boat and canoe support, and habitat mapping.

### **Bill Mohrwinkel:**

22 years of professional guiding and instructing in whitewater kayaking, canoeing, rafting, sea kayaking, backpacking, backcountry skiing, mountaineering, snow machine expeditions, and base camp management. Bill has managed programs and staff throughout North America and Mexico for Outward Bound, and The National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS).

He has worked with several film companies and photographers organizing and guiding expeditions throughout arctic Alaska providing location consulting and scouting, logistical support, bear safety, transportation, gear consultation, and wildlife interpretation and location.

### **Certifications:**

All Arctic Wild guides are Wilderness First Responders and most carry Swiftwater Rescue Technician certifications. Arctic Wild carries liability insurance and valid permits for all operating areas.

### **References:**

Mark Wheeler, Producer, BBC Natural History Unit, Bristol, UK - mark.wheeler@bbc.co.uk

Dr. J. Michael O'Neill, Research Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Denver, CO - (303) 236-1288