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A two-part edition featuring  
BRAD HILL

INTO THE GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST (1 of 2)





# THE ETHEREAL GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

BY BRAD HILL

## LOCATION

Unnamed Inlet; Great Bear Rainforest, central BC coast, Canada

## DATE

October 2nd, 2011

## EQUIPMENT

Nikon D7000 w/ 70-200mm f2.8 VR zoom. 1/400s @ f6.3, ISO 100

## STORY

The Great Bear Rainforest on BC's central coast is a moody, untamed land filled with majestic creatures and countless unnamed inlets. In this breath-taking wilderness grizzlies are more common than humans. This female grizzly was an early riser and as the day's first sun rays broke through the fog it was already dining on roots. For me, this scene embodies the spirit and essence of the Great Bear Rainforest better than others I have been privileged to observe or photograph.





# SPIRIT BEAR CUB IN FALL FOLIAGE

BY BRAD HILL

## LOCATION

Great Bear Rainforest, central BC coast, Canada

## DATE

October 11th, 2007

## EQUIPMENT

Nikon D2x w/ 200-400mm f4 VR zoom. 1/350s

@ f5, ISO 250

## STORY

Rare white-coated black bears - known as Spirit Bears - have become the “poster child” species of the Great Bear Rainforest. Both grizzlies and black-coated black bears are far more numerous in this region, but the Spirit Bears have become the star attraction. This yearly cub took some time out from fishing to climb high in a crabapple tree to sample some tangy fruit- giving me some colourful eye candy to see and photograph!





# WHERE MOUNTAINS MEET OCEAN

BY BRAD HILL

## LOCATION

Khutzeymateen Inlet, British Columbia Canada

## DATE

May 31st, 2012

## EQUIPMENT

Nikon D800 w/ 70-200mm f2.8 VR zoom. 1/80s

@ f11, ISO 250

## STORY

Long inlets in the Great Bear Rainforest terminate in broad, fertile estuaries that change in appearance continually with the tide. Each spring the fast-growing grasses and sedges nourish famished grizzlies shortly after they emerge from hibernation. During this low tide we watched multiple grizzlies wander into this broad expanse and feed for hours.





# OLYMPIC TRIALS - GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST STYLE

BY BRAD HILL

## LOCATION

Khutzeymateen Inlet, British Columbia, Canada

## DATE

May 31st, 2012

## EQUIPMENT

Nikon D4 w/ 400mm f2.8 VR lens. 1/400s  
@ f4.5, ISO 6400

## STORY

Female grizzly bears make great moms, but they don't pamper their cubs. Moments before I shot this image mom swam across a narrow inlet that seemed anything but narrow to her cubs! I laughed how they lined up - like swimmers at the start of a race - while "debating" how important it actually was to follow mom!





# CONFERENCE IN THE GREAT BEAR

BY BRAD HILL

## LOCATION

Unnamed Inlet; Great Bear Rainforest, central BC coast, Canada

## DATE

September 30th, 2012

## EQUIPMENT

Nikon D4 w/ 400mm f2.8 VR lens. 1/400s @ f5.6, ISO 1000

## STORY

Each autumn spawning salmon return in the millions to the rivers and streams of the Great Bear Rainforest. Wildlife - including bears, wolves, and eagles - are fed and sustained by this annual influx of protein and energy. I was lucky enough to view and capture this scene with 16 eagles “posing” before a haunting and brooding backdrop.





# EYE - T O - EYE

BY BRAD HILL

## LOCATION

Unnamed Inlet; Great Bear Rainforest, central BC coast, Canada

## DATE

October 2nd, 2011

## EQUIPMENT

Nikon D3s w/ 400mm f2.8 VR lens. 1/250s  
@ f2.8, ISO 2500

## STORY

This adult female grizzly bear was spending its morning fishing for salmon in deep pools when it turned towards our Zodiac and gave me this long, direct stare. I loved the power of the eye contact and the simplicity of the scene.





## THE PHOTOGRAPHER

### BRAD HILL

#### BIO

Brad Hill is a full-time professional nature and wildlife photographer based out of the East Kootenays of British Columbia, Canada. Over the past several years he has focused on capturing the beauty and uniqueness of the Great Bear Rainforest on the BC coast - the largest intact temperate rainforest left on earth.

#### ABOUT THE GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST

British Columbia's Great Bear Rainforest is the largest tract of intact temperate rainforest left on the planet. Ignored by much of the world - and visited by very few - it is an absolute treasure of biological diversity and abundance. Home to the rare white Spirit Bear, this pristine wilderness has avoided the heavy hand of development until recently. But at present one of Canada's biggest environmental battles is taking place within it. The issue? Whether or not oil from Canada's tarsands should be shipped by super-tanker through it's narrow and often hazardous channels. This is my view of the Great Bear Rainforest...

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