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A two-part edition featuring  
BRAD HILL

INTO THE GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST (2 of 2)





# ORCA ART

BY BRAD HILL

## LOCATION

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

## DATE

October 3rd, 2006

## EQUIPMENT

Nikon D2x w/ 300mm f2.8 lens. 1/1250s @ f2.8, ISO 100

## STORY

The channels and inlets of the Great Bear Rainforest are home to many species of aquatic mammals, including both resident and transient Killer Whales. This female and its calf were in a pod of about a dozen whales that were actively cruising for salmon. When they cruised directly in front of a heavily shaded island and the sun illuminated the scene from behind, I knew someone was smiling on me that day!





# MISTY MORNING DIP

BY BRAD HILL

## LOCATION

Khutzeymateen Inlet, British Columbia, Canada

## DATE

June 4th, 2006

## EQUIPMENT

Nikon D2x w/ 200-400mm f4 VR zoom. 1/640s

@ f4, ISO 200

## STORY

We spotted this female grizzly with her 3 cubs swimming across a narrow channel in the estuary of the Khutzeymateen Inlet early one June morning. Faint light was caressing the bear and its cubs while leaving the rest of the scene in muted pastels reminiscent of a water colour painting. It was truly a Great Bear Rainforest moment I'll never forget!





# HUMBACK WHALES BUBBLE-NETTING

BY BRAD HILL

## LOCATION

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

## DATE

October 6th, 2012

## EQUIPMENT

Nikon D4 w/ 400mm f2.8 lens. 1/1250s @ f3.5; ISO 2500

## STORY

Humpback whale numbers have been on the rise in the inlets and channels of the Great Bear Rainforest in recent years. These 40-foot, 40 ton behemoths are filter feeders that survive on krill and small fish often measuring only an inch long. To catch their prey humpbacks will often work cooperatively with each other and swim under and around their prey while exhaling bubbles through their blow hole. As the bubbles rise they form nets that trap their prey. Here two humpbacks have just surfaced in the middle of their bubblenet and are beginning to strain water through their thin baleen plates. A few lucky fish managed to escape and are leaping to their freedom.





# KEEP THAT SNORKEL UP!

BY BRAD HILL

## LOCATION

Khutzeymateen Inlet, British Columbia, Canada

## DATE

June 2nd, 2009

## EQUIPMENT

Nikon D3 w/600mm f4 VR lens. 1/250s @ f4, ISO 1100

## STORY

It was interesting to watch this adult grizzly casually wade into and start swimming across a narrow channel in the Khutzeymateen Inlet. It became a whole lot more interesting when it turned and decided to swim directly at us! I don't know if it considered us an island to rest on or it just wanted to give us a good look over, but I never thought I'd live to see the day when I could look directly up the "snorkel" of a swimming adult grizzly!





# DIVING DEEP!

BY BRAD HILL

## LOCATION

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

## DATE

September 29th, 2012

## EQUIPMENT

Nikon D4 w/ 400mm f2.8 lens. 1/1250s @ f4.5, ISO 2500

## STORY

When a humpback whale's tail comes up you know the whale is going down - often WAY down! Normally you see this only out in the open ocean, but in the Great Bear Rainforest the whales will often dive deep right along the edges of steep-walled islands. It makes for a pretty unique back-drop for a classic tail shot!





# HARBOREAL SEAL

BY BRAD HILL

## LOCATION

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

## DATE

September 29th, 2012

## EQUIPMENT

Nikon D3s w/ 400mm f2.8 lens. 1/320s @ f5, ISO 2000

## STORY

Harbor seals are common in the inlets and rivers of the Great Bear Rainforest. While you regularly see them hauled out on rocks, this is the first one I had ever seen climb up on a tree stump at high tide. Being the first seal that using an arboreal environment, I thought this one had earned itself a new name - the Harboreal Seal!





## 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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