

requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the cultural item are considered a single request and not competing requests. The Cincinnati Museum Center is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and to any other consulting parties.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3004 and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.9.

Dated: December 4, 2024.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Intended Repatriation: Western Washington University, Department of Anthropology, Bellingham, WA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Western Washington University, Department of Anthropology (WWU), intends to repatriate certain cultural items that meet the definition of objects of cultural patrimony and that have a cultural affiliation with the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the cultural items in this notice may occur on or after January 13, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Dr. Judith Pine, Western Washington University, Department of Anthropology, Arntzen Hall 340, 516 High Street, Bellingham, WA 98225, telephone (360) 650-4783, email pinej@wwu.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the WWU, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the summary or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

A total of five cultural items have been requested for repatriation.

The four objects of cultural patrimony are one net weight, one ground shell, one incised stone, and one adze blade. In 1982, Western Washington University entered a contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to conduct a cultural resource survey of selected portions of the Swinomish Indian Reservation, Skagit County, Washington. Both sites, 45-SK-32 and 45-SK-91, are located adjacent to the Swinomish Slough within the boundaries of the Swinomish Reservation. Materials were collected by excavation of four 1x2 meter test cuts (Chesmore 1984, A Cultural Resource Survey and Test Excavations of Selected Portions of the Swinomish Indian Reservation, Skagit County, Washington, Contract No. 2P10-0100515 with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Reports in Archaeology No. 22, Department of Anthropology, Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington).

The one object of cultural patrimony is a worked bone point. The materials described in this notice were collected in the spring of 2003 as part of a collaborative effort between Dr. Sarah Campbell and field school students from WWU, Equinox Research and Consulting International, Inc. (ERCI) and the Samish Indian Nation to mitigate erosion of a cut bank on Weaverling Spit. An area approximately 150 m long between a jetty for a private residence and a field south of the Cove at Fidalgo Condominium property was examined. The crew excavated eight shovel tests, faced, and profiled the bank in six locations and collected column samples from two locations. During this work, two burials were observed eroding out of the bank in front of the condominiums. Human remains were also observed and collected beneath the bank on the beach. All these remains were repatriated to the Samish Indian Nation (Nelson, 2006).

No hazardous chemicals are known to have been used to treat the items while in the custody of WWU.

Determinations

The WWU has determined that:

- The five objects of cultural patrimony described in this notice have ongoing historical, traditional, or cultural importance central to the Native American group, including any constituent sub-group (such as a band, clan, lineage, ceremonial society, or other subdivision), according to the Native American traditional knowledge

of an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

- There is a reasonable connection between the cultural items described in this notice and the Samish Indian Nation and the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community.

Requests for Repatriation

Additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural items in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or a culturally affiliated Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

Repatriation of the cultural items in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after January 13, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the WWU must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the cultural items are considered a single request and not competing requests. The WWU is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice and to any other consulting parties.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3004 and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.9.

Dated: December 4, 2024.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: The Kikuchi Center at Kaua'i Community College, Lihue, HI

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Kikuchi Center at Kaua'i Community College has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human

remains and associated funerary objects and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after January 13, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Jason Ford, The Kikuchi Center at Kaua'i Community College, 3–1901 Kaumuali'i Highway, Lihue, HI 96766, telephone (808) 245–8236, email jford9@hawaii.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the Kikuchi Center at Kaua'i Community College, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in its inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

Human remains representing, at least, five individuals have been identified. This includes 15 associated funerary objects which are pearl shell fish hook blanks and pre-form fish hooks, sea urchin files, and basalt fragments. They were identified during the processing of the materials held by the Kikuchi Center at Kaua'i Community College.

The Kikuchi Center is an archive curating the work of Dr. William Kikuchi. Dr. Kikuchi co-founded the Archaeology Research Center of Hawai'i, ARCH, with Francis Ching, Jr. At an unknown date, he inherited a collection of ARCH project materials, including ARCH project 14–42 II. This project was an archaeological surface survey at Kiahuna, Kōloa, Kona, Kaua'i. These materials were excavated circa 1980, and the founding of the Kikuchi Center and processing of these materials began in 2022. In March of 2024, an osteologist analyzed the bones in the collection and positively identified the listed bones as human. They are associated with Native Hawaiian sites and cultural layers. The modified bones listed here are unidentifiable, but because of their association with positively identified iwi kupuna, they are being treated as human. Unidentifiable bones associated with positively identified iwi kupuna are also listed.

Dr. Kikuchi was also a professor at Kaua'i Community College. He established the Anthropology Club at Kaua'i Community College circa 1975. In July of 1975, he and the club began excavating at the Weli K–10 site, SIHP number 50–30–09–3050. This site is

identified as a shelter cave, located in Wahiawa, moku of Kona, Kaua'i. The positively identified iwi kupuna from this site are from pits B, C and D, and are associated with Native Hawaiian cultural layers including 15 associated funerary objects. Item: Human remains Site Name: ARCH 14–42 II, Sites 206 and 304 Geographical Location: Kiahuna, Kōloa, Kona, Kaua'i.

Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is reasonably identified by the geographical location or acquisition history of the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice.

Determinations

The Kikuchi Center at Kaua'i Community College has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of five individuals of Native Hawaiian ancestry.
- The 15 objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.
- There is a connection between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and the Kaua'i/Ni'ihau Island Burial Council; Ke Kahu O Kaneiolouma; and E Ola Kakou Hawaii.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.
2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization with cultural affiliation.

Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after January 13, 2025. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the Kikuchi Center at Kaua'i Community College must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects

are considered a single request and not competing requests. The Kikuchi Center at Kaua'i Community College is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.10.

Dated: December 4, 2024.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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National Park Service

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Notice of Intended Repatriation: The Kikuchi Center at Kaua'i Community College, Lihue, HI

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Kikuchi Center at Kaua'i Community College intends to repatriate certain cultural items that meet the definition of unassociated funerary objects and that have a cultural affiliation with the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the cultural items in this notice may occur on or after January 13, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Jason Ford, The Kikuchi Center at Kaua'i Community College, 3–1901 Kaumuali'i Highway, Lihue, HI 96766, telephone (808) 245–8236, email jford9@hawaii.edu.

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Abstract of Information Available

A total of five cultural items have been requested for repatriation. The five unassociated funerary objects are one 19th century non-human bone