

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](mailto: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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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### 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.

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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

toothbrush, one hohoa style kapa beater, and three coral abraders. Item: one unassociated funerary object. Site Name: ARCH 14-138, site E2, site 50-10-37-6655. Geographical Location: Hōlualoa, Kona, Hawai'i. Collection History: ARCH 14-138 is an archaeological surface survey and excavation conducted by the Archaeology Research Center of Hawai'i (ARCH) circa 1980. The excavated materials for this project were inherited by the late Dr. Kikuchi, emeritus professor at Kaua'i Community College. The founding of the Kikuchi Center at Kaua'i Community College, an archive curating Dr. Kikuchi's materials, began September 2022, and processing of these materials began in 2024. Processing of ARCH 14-138 materials resulted in the discovery that the 19th century non-human bone toothbrush is an unassociated funerary object. The artifact bag containing this item states that this non-human bone toothbrush is associated with a Native Hawaiian burial and was found at the feet of the burial. It is dissociated from any known iwi kupuna. The ARCH 14-138 project report describes the burial crypt at site 50-10-37-6655, including a description of the non-human bone toothbrush being present there with iwi kupuna. Accession #: 50-10-37-6655-AR110.

*Item:* four unassociated funerary objects. Site Name: ARCH 14-152 III, site 50-10-37-6479, surface chamber 2, field #1, code 1. Geographical Location: La'āloa, Kona, Hawai'i. Collection History: ARCH 14-152 III is an archaeological surface survey and excavation conducted by the Archaeology Research Center of Hawai'i (ARCH) circa 1980. The excavated materials for this project were inherited by the late Dr. Kikuchi, emeritus professor at Kaua'i Community College. The founding of the Kikuchi Center at Kaua'i Community College, an archive curating Dr. Kikuchi's materials, began September 2022, and processing of these materials began in 2024. Processing and provenance research of ARCH 14-152 III materials resulted in the discovery that the one hohoa kapa beater and three coral abraders are unassociated funerary objects. Site 50-10-37-6479 is identified in the report as a lava tube with multiple chambers. The report states that the lava tube contained human remains. The items are dissociated from any known iwi kupuna. Accession #: 10-6479-AR83, 10-6479-AR76, 10-6479-AR78, 10-6479-AR77

#### Determinations

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

- The five unassociated funerary objects described in this notice are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally with or near human remains, and are connected, either at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony of a Native American culture according to the Native American traditional knowledge of a lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization. The unassociated funerary objects have been identified by a preponderance of the evidence as related to human remains, specific individuals, or families, or removed from a specific burial site or burial area of an individual or individuals with cultural affiliation to an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

- There is a reasonable connection between the cultural items described in this notice and the Hale Mua Cultural Group and Protect Keopuka Ohana.

#### 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 Kikuchi Center at Kaua'i Community College 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 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 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,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

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#### Change in Discount Rate for Water Resources Planning

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of change in discount rate.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation is announcing the interest rate to be used by Federal agencies in the formulation and evaluation of plans for water and related land resources is 3.00 percent for fiscal year 2025.

**DATES:** This discount rate is to be used for the period October 1, 2024, through and including September 30, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brandee Blumenthal, Bureau of Reclamation, Reclamation Law Administration Division, P.O. Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225; telephone (303) 445-2435; or email at [bblumenthal@usbr.gov](mailto:bblumenthal@usbr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Water Resources Planning Act of 1965 and the Water Resources Development Act of 1974 require an annual determination of a discount rate for Federal water resources planning. The discount rate for Federal water resources planning for fiscal year 2025 is 3.00 percent. The prior year's rate, as announced in the **Federal Register** on November 16, 2023 (88 FR 78785), was 2.75 percent for fiscal year 2024. Discounting is used to convert future monetary values to present values.

This rate has been computed in accordance with section 80(a), Public Law 93-251 (88 Stat. 34), and 18 CFR 704.39, which: (1) specify that the rate will be based upon the average yield during the preceding fiscal year on interest-bearing marketable securities of the United States which, at the time the computation is made, have terms of 15 years or more remaining to maturity (average yield is rounded to nearest one-eighth percent); and (2) provide that the rate will not be raised or lowered more than one-quarter of 1 percent for any year. The U.S. Department of the Treasury calculated the specified average to be 4.5055 percent. In accordance with the Water Resource Council Rules and Regulations, the maximum adjustment allowed for the current fiscal year rate is one-quarter of one percentage point from the previous fiscal year rate, which was 2.75 percent. Therefore, the fiscal year 2025 rate is 3.00 percent.