Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Manual

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Acknowledgment

Repatriation work in the Kodiak archipelago began in the late 1980s under the leadership of Gordon Pullar, the Kodiak Area Native Association, and the community of Larsen Bay. In forming the Kodiak Alutiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission, we recognize and honor their work. Before there were any laws providing for the return of our ancestors remains, they joined hands to bring hundreds of Alutiq people back to Kodiak for reburial. Their hard work not only cared for our relatives, it contributed to the passage of NAGPRA and laid the foundation for the repatriation work this manual envisions. Their achievement, completed with persistence, cooperation, and respect for Alutiq heritage, is now an important part of our history and a model for all of us.

We also acknowledge the support of the Aleut Repatriation Commission and Allison Young McClain, who provided a model for the Kodiak Alutiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission. The guiding documents of the Aleut Commission, prepared with assistance from Allison, provided a starting place for developing our own protocols, procedures, and guidelines. We are most grateful for the Aleut people’s willingness to share their work. It will benefit many generations of Alutiqs, past, present, and future. Quyanaasinaq – We thank you most sincerely.
Repatriation is unfinished business. It’s something we have a moral obligation to do. It’s not the most critical issue facing our people, but it’s not an either or. Since there was such a violation against our people it needs to be taken care of. Repatriation ties into lots of things, pride in us and our culture. If we accept that museums can own our people, it makes us second-class.

Dr. Gordon Pullar – Woody Island Tribal Council

Why not repatriate? It is our moral obligation, and it is only the right thing to do. Our ancestors deserve respect and honor. And repatriation will leave an impression on our children and grandchildren.

Ruth A. Dawson, Afognak Native Corporation

It’s just plain the right thing to do.

Olga M. Malutin, Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak

If nothing is done it’s a message to the world that disrespectful activity is okay. It’s one thing to donate your body to science. It’s another for another culture to take it.

Vera Benedek, Native Village of Afognak

I feel so bad that we have to go through all this to put our people to rest.

Elder Kathryn Chichenoff, Koniag, Inc.

In our language the word Awau’q means to become numb. It’s time to get out of that state of Awau’q, and go forward. I’m really happy that this commission formed. There was so much abuse, but it’s time to come together, to move on.

Fred Coyle, Akhiok-Kaguyak, Inc.
INTRODUCTION

A. An Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Word View

In the traditional Alutiiq / Sugpiaq universe, everything was alive. The wind, the trees, the mountains, and the animals all had a *sua*, a human-like consciousness. We believed that they were aware of what we did, and that our actions influenced what they gave us. Caring for this world required respect. We never took more than we needed, or were wasteful. We also demonstrated our reverence for the world’s gifts. We wore clean clothes to hunt, we kept our boating and hunting tools in good repair, and we treated each animal with respect. This honored the world around us, and it honored our ancestors, who are always with us.

We have always known how to care for our people and our property. But twentieth century outsiders disregarded this knowledge. Some of our sacred belongings were taken away – our ceremonial masks, our shamans’ gear, our ancestors themselves.

Bringing our property home helps us to reunite it with our culture and to give these items the respect they deserve. It also reawakens both the objects and our people, insuring that every spirit is cared for.

B. Why Repatriate?

We, the members of the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission, representing the Alutiiq / Sugpiaq people and communities of the Kodiak archipelago - past and present - believe that our ancestor’s remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and our objects of cultural patrimony belong in the Kodiak archipelago.

We believe that our ancestors placed their dead in graves and burial places with the intent that those remains would not be disturbed, except by cultural specialists. Our ancestors recognized the spiritual power of human remains and burial sites, including whaler’s caves. Our people treated these places with reverence and trained only a few community members to interact with them. In recent generations, some of our burials and burial sites have been disturbed. Sometimes this disturbance was purposeful, done by people without appropriate cultural knowledge or training. We now wish such sites to be respected and treated with a care previous generations may not have been able to insure.

We believe that our ancestors had sacred objects and patrimonial objects among their personal and community possessions. Although the role of such objects is not the same in our modern Alutiiq / Sugpiaq lives, we believe these objects should be treated with respect and dignity as pieces of our heritage. These objects are part of us as a
people.

For the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq people repatriation is about

· respecting our ancestor’s traditions
· preserving our religious freedom
· maintaining our property rights
· bringing our people home
· setting an example for our children

We believe that repatriation

· must remain a cultural issue, not a political issue or tool
· is not intended to supply artifacts for displays, exhibits, or collections
· offers people healing opportunities
· offers educational opportunities
· is an opportunity to teach respect
· can promote cultural survival and the empowerment of the Alutiiq / Sugpiaq people
· is an opportunity to rejuvenate and recognize pride in our heritage.

In working on repatriation projects we believe that

· all voices need to be heard
· all Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq communities should be represented
· with time and through collaboration we can build respectful relationship with the institutions caring for our ancestors’ remains and their objects.
· through repatriation we can make the world more aware of Alutiiq / Sugpiaq culture
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A: Affirmation

We, the members of the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission, believe that it is time for the return of our ancestral remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony. We believe these remains and objects should come home, returning to their rightful places so that our communities, our people, and the objects themselves may all find peace. Through the Native American Graves Protect and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and the National Museum of the American Indian Act (NMAIA) the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission strives to make this happen.

As Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission members we will work cooperatively to bring our ancestral remains and objects home. Our efforts shall be cooperative because of our shared ancestry and our unique way of life as experienced by our ancestors in villages throughout the Kodiak region.

Respectfully, the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission Members;

Afognak Native Corporation - Ruth Dawson
Native Village of Afognak – Pat Kozak, Alt. Vera Benedek
Native Village of Akhiok – Mitch Simeonoff, Alt. Linda Amodo
Akhiok-Kaguyak, Inc. - Fred Coyle
Anton Larsen, Inc. - open seat
Ayakullik, Inc. – Carolyn Nixon
Bell Flats Natives, Inc. - open seat
Kaguyak Village – Phyllis Amodo
Native Village of Karluk – Earl Malutin
Natives of Kodiak, Inc. – Donene Tweten, Alt. Pat Heitman
Koniag, Inc. – James Nixon, Alt. Fred DeVeau, Jr.
Native Village of Larsen Bay - Simeon Squartsoff
Leisnoi, Inc. - open seat
Lesnoi Village (aka Woody Island) - Gordon Pullar, Alt. Margaret Roberts
Litnik, Inc. - open seat
Old Harbor Native Corporation – Melissa Berns
Village of Old Harbor – Stella Krumrey, Alt. Phyllis Clough
Ouzinkie Native Corporation – Nick Pestrikoff, Sr.
Native Village of Ouzinkie – Robert Katelnikoff
Native Village of Port Lions - Julie Kaiser, Alt. Sara Squartsoff
Shuyak, Inc. - open seat
Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak - Olga M. Malutin
Uganik Natives, Inc. – Donene Tweten
Uyak, Inc. - open seat

SECTION I
B. Commission Goals and Priorities

The goals of the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission are to;

1) facilitate the return of Alutiiq / Sugpiaq ancestral remains, funerary objects, objects of cultural patrimony and sacred objects.

2) insure the respectful, culturally appropriate treatment of ancestral remains, funerary objects, objects of cultural patrimony and sacred objects within our homeland.

3) educate museums about Alutiiq / Sugpiaq traditions so they may care appropriately for collections that cannot be repatriated.

To accomplish these goals the priorities of the Commission are as follows:

1. Establish a manual that summarizes our collective, island-wide vision for the repatriation and long-term care of ancestral remains, funerary objects, objects of cultural patrimony, sacred objects and Alutiiq / Sugpiaq cultural objects.

2. Conduct research for the return of ancestral remains and funerary objects.

3. Bring ancestral remains and funerary objects home.

4. Conduct research for the return of sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony.

5. Bring sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony home to revitalize traditional cultural and religious practices.

6. Document past and present spiritual and cultural practices for future generations.

7. Share knowledge of Alutiiq traditions to promote respectful treatment of ancestral objects that cannot be repatriated.
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C: Rights and Responsibilities of Membership

This section establishes guidelines for member representation on the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission.

1. Each Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq tribe and Kodiak area ANCSA Corporation with standing to claim under NAGPRA may be represented on the commission by one representative. The tribe or corporation may elect an alternate representative if they choose.

2. Each tribal government and ANCSA corporation with a seat on the commission will select its representative to the commission.

3. Alternate representatives will be selected by the same means as primary representatives. Alternates are encouraged to attend Commission meetings even when the primary representative is present.

4. The Commission shall make recommendations for the Kodiak region as a whole - including all of its communities past and present. Commission members will make recommendations that represent the opinions of the people they represent – the Alutiiq / Sugpiaq shareholders, shareholder descendants, and citizens of federally recognized Alutiiq / Sugpiaq tribes.

5. The commission shall do its best to make recommendations that reflect and respect ancestral beliefs and practices. When ancestral beliefs and practices cannot be identified, the commission shall make recommendations that reflect the wishes of Alutiiq / Sugpiaq tribe or corporation, rather than political objectives or personal beliefs.

6. Representatives and alternates serve at the will of their respective tribal governments and corporations. There are no term limits for commission members.

7. Advisors to the commission shall be sought as necessary when repatriation research is conducted and as the commission requires. Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Elders and traditional bearers will be invited to participate in discussions regarding cultural issues and repatriation whenever possible.

8. If a Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq tribe or ANCSA corporation does not wish to participate in the Repatriation Commission it may appoint another Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq organization with standing to claim under NAGPRA to represent its interests in the Repatriation Commission through a formal resolution of the tribal government or
C: Rights and Responsibilities of Membership – continued

ANCSA corporation board of directors. Appendix B provides a sample resolution. Before appointing another organization to act as its representative, however, the tribe or corporation must adopt this manual and its supporting resolutions. (see Appendix B for sample resolutions).

9. Tribal communities or ANCSA corporations that choose to appoint another Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq organization to act as their representative on the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission, may elect to reestablish their seat on the Commission by completing the resolution to appoint a commissioner (see Appendix B) through their tribal or ANCSA corporation authorities. Upon receipt of a copy of the resolution by the Regional Repatriation Coordinator at the Alutiiq Museum, the organization’s Repatriation Commission seat will be reestablished and the right to vote on Commission business restored. Appendix B provides an example resolution for appointing a commission member.
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D: Role of the Alutiiq Museum
This section establishes the Alutiiq Museum’s role in supporting the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission.

1. As the cultural center representing all Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq people, the Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository will act as a parent organization for the Repatriation Commission, facilitating Commission activities when funding is available.

2. An Alutiiq Museum staff member may serve as the Regional Repatriation Coordinator – the Alutiiq Museum’s point of contact for repatriation issues and its official liaison with the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission.

3. The Alutiiq Museum may assist the commission by
   a. Providing training in repatriation issues and procedures.
   b. Creating, maintaining and implementing an island wide repatriation policy – as outlined in this manual.
   c. Creating, housing, maintaining, and managing a comprehensive Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Cultural Materials Database
   d. Facilitating communication - notifying commission members of repatriation related issues brought to the museum, sharing information on research, organizing meetings, etc.
   e. Acting as a repository for commission documentation. This may include, but is not limited to, this manual, repatriation related correspondence, repatriation research materials, tribal and corporate repatriation resolutions.
   f. Providing continuing education in Alutiiq cultural practices.

4. Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq tribal communities and ANCSA corporations may elect to designate the Alutiiq Museum as their repatriation agent for the purposes of conducting repatriation research, fulfilling consultation requests, submitting repatriation claims, and conducting repatriations. This designation must be in resolution form and signed by tribal or corporation authorities. A copy of this resolution will be kept on file at the Alutiiq Museum so it can be shared in grant proposals and correspondence where the museum must demonstrate its authorization to act on behalf of the tribe or corporation. Example resolutions are attached in Appendix B.
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D: Role of the Alutiiq Museum continued

5. All repatriation work and activities supporting the commission listed above will be funding dependent. With oversight from the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission, the Alutiiq Museum may apply for funds (grants, sponsorships, and donations) to work with the repatriation commission, conduct repatriation research, submit repatriation claims, and pay the expenses associated with bringing ancestral remains and cultural property home. Repatriation expenses will not be paid out of the Alutiiq Museum’s annual operating budget. Similarly, by resolving for the museum to act as their repatriation agent, tribal communities and corporations do not commit themselves to providing financial support for repatriation projects. Financial needs will be addressed jointly by the Alutiiq Museum and the appropriate tribal community or corporation on a project by project basis.
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E: Decision Making Processes

This section establishes guidelines for Commission decisions on the policies of the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Manual.

1. The Commission will make decisions about policies in the repatriation manual based on a consensus vote of members of the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission. Each commission member shall have one vote to insure that each organization with standing to claim under NAGPRA is equally represented in the decision making process.

2. Alternate commission member may only vote if the primary commission member from their tribal community or ANCSA Corporation is absent at the time of voting.

3. If a Kodiak / Alutiiq Sugpiaq tribe or corporation decides to appoint another Kodiak / Alutiiq Sugpiaq tribe or corporation to represent their interests on the Commission, that Kodiak / Alutiiq Sugpiaq tribe or corporation’s right to vote on Commission business will be suspended. No other tribe or corporation may assume another’s voting rights, even if they agree to provide representation for another tribe or corporation.

4. Commission members who cannot attend a meeting, or whose alternate cannot attend, may vote by proxy. They may assign their vote to another Commissioner for the duration of one meeting. A Commissioner who wishes to vote by proxy must send a signed, dated note to the Regional Repatriation Coordinator to indicate the specific meeting from which they will be absent and the name of their proxy.

5. When the Commission requires information from individuals or communities before a decision can be reached, individual commission members will be asked to gather the necessary information and report that information to the Commission. Information reporting to the commission shall be in writing and distributed in a timely manner to all commission members. This communication may be conducted via email. The Regional Repatriation Coordination at the Alutiiq Museum may assist Commission members with this communication if requested.

6. The guidelines set forth in the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Manual must be approved by each Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq tribal government and the board of directors of each Kodiak ANCSA corporation whose choose to participate in the Repatriation Commission, prior to formal implementation. These organizations must approve the manual because each has standing to claim human remains and repatriatable objects under both NAGPRA and NMAIA.
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F: Communication Policy

This section establishes guidelines for any communication relating to the work of the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission, Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq repatriation activities, and the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Cultural Material database.

The Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission
1. Questions relating to the work of the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission should be addressed to Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission members first. Commission members have a responsibility to answer questions relating to repatriation activities whenever possible.

2. If members are unable to respond to a question, inquiries should be addressed to the Regional Repatriation Coordinator, who serves as a liaison, technical advisor, and coordinator for the commission.

The Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Cultural Materials Database
1. During a National Park Service supported project in 2007-2008, the Alutiiq Museum created a Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Cultural Materials Database to manage information about the human remains and potentially repatriatable objects in US institutions. The specific intent of this database is to facilitate the return of human remains and cultural property to Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq tribes or corporations.

2. The information in the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Cultural Materials Database will be freely available to all Kodiak Alutiiq organizations with standing to claim under NAGPRA and NMAIA, regardless of whether they choose to participate in the Repatriation Commission.

3. For the purposes of conducting repatriation research and maintaining the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Cultural Materials Database, the database will be accessible to members of the Alutiiq Museum’s staff as determined by the Alutiiq Museum’s Executive Director.

4. Due to its sensitive nature, information in the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Cultural Material Database will not be freely available to organizations and individuals without standing to claim under NAGPRA and NMAIA. As such, the Alutiiq Museum will restrict access to the information in the database. Any requests for access to the database must be submitted in writing to the most closely affiliated tribal community or ANCSA Corporation for consideration. If such a request is approved, information in the database will be made available at the convenience of the Alutiiq Museum.
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F: Communication Policy continued.

Research Results
If the Alutiiq Museum collaborates in research conducted to facilitate the return of human remains and cultural property, a copy of all the information gained during this research may be archived in the Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository as part of the museum’s library and / or permanent collection. If the information is culturally sensitive it may be restricted following the museum’s Guidelines for the Spiritual Care of Objects. These guidelines are available on the Collections & Research page of the Alutiiq Museum’s web site at Http://www.alutiiqmuseum.org.

General Communication
There will be a large amount of communication - both written and oral – associated with any repatriation project. As such;

1. All correspondence, inventories, summaries and other repatriation materials must be maintained in an organized and accessible filing system in the tribal government offices, corporation offices, or the Alutiiq Museum’s repatriation files.

2. There must be cooperation between the Alutiiq Museum, tribal governments village corporations, and Koniag, Inc. to maintain complete, accurate and adequate records.

3. The Alutiiq Museum will forward copies of all repatriation related correspondence the museum receives to the appropriate Repatriation Commission member, tribal community and / or ANCSA Corporation.
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G: Investigation Policy

This section establishes guidelines for investigations necessary to facilitate the return of human remains and repatriatable objects. Investigation is defined as learning about collections, Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq beliefs, and any other information that will allow the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission to make recommendations regarding repatriation.

The priorities for gathering information are to:
1. Clarify the locations where human remains were found – the part of the island, the community, or the archaeological site from where the remains were taken.
2. Clarify the association between human remains and possible funerary objects,
3. Identify the locations where materials other than human remains and funerary objects were recovered,
4. Determine how each collecting institution or agency established the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq cultural affiliation for human remains and objects,
5. Review each institution’s policies, including but not limited, who has access to human remains, who has access to collections, how objects are acquired and deaccessioned policies, and how the institution manages its repatriation inventories, and repatriation procedures.

Consultation
One critical component of repatriation investigations is the consultation between the collecting institution and the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq people. Consultations allow Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq and institution staff to meet face to face to discuss repatriation. Consultations also allow Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaqs to view human remains and cultural materials to determine their status as repatriatable. Repatriation consultations may include any individuals determine appropriate by related Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq tribal communities or ANCSA corporations, including Alutiiq Museum staff members.

Community Awareness
Another critical component of repatriation is community level awareness of repatriation issues. Wherever possible, commission members and the Alutiiq Museum will endeavor to share their repatriation activities to promote community understanding. The Alutiiq Museum may share information about repatriation activities on its website, in its newsletters, and through exhibits, press releases, announcements, email broadcasts, public and scholarly presentations, and publications. However, in doing so, the museum will take great care to respect ancestral remains and protect sacred objects and information, and safeguard the location of sensitive archaeological sites, as reflected in its Guidelines for the Spiritual Care of Collections.
SECTION 2
Repatriation Issues in NAGPRA/NMAIA

A: Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Organizations with Standing to Claim

This section identifies Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq organizations with standing to claim under NAGPRA and NMAIA.

Who Has Standing to Claim on Kodiak Island?

NAGPRA – On Kodiak, two types of entities have standing to repatriate under NAGPRA:

1. Direct lineal descendants
2. Indian tribes - In Alaska, “Indian tribe” includes both traditional / IRA village organizations (the Indian tribes on the BIA list) and the village and regional corporations established under ANCSA. This means that most Kodiak communities have at least three possible ways to make a repatriation claim – through (1) the village tribal council or IRA, (2) through the village corporation, or (3) through Koniag, Inc.

NMAIA - On Kodiak, two types of entities have standing to repatriate under NMAIA:
1. Culturally Affiliated Native Americans
2. North American tribal, religious, and ceremonial leaders

To avoid confusion over who should submit repatriation claims, the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq people formed the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission to unite the voices from distinct yet related Alutiiq organizations with standing to claim.

Who Has Priority to Claim on Kodiak Island?

Under NAGPRA and NMAIA, no one group in a region has priority over any other group to submit repatriation claims. The Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission recognizes that all of our Alutiiq tribal communities and ANCSA corporations equally share the right to repatriate. The commission’s strives to work across these organizational boundaries to unite the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq people around our common goal of bringing our ancestors and their property home. In this effort, we believe that one united voice is stronger than many different individual voices.
## SECTION 2
Repatriation Issues in NAGPRA/NMAIA

Table 2. Organizations with Standing to Claim in the Kodiak Region.

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B: Cultural Affiliation in the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Region
This section discusses cultural affiliation within the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq region.

Cultural Affiliation Under NAGPRA
In NAGPRA “Cultural Affiliation means a relationship of shared group identity that may be reasonably traced historically or prehistorically between a present-day Indian tribe...and an earlier identifiable group” (43 CFR Part 10.14(c)).

Cultural Affiliation in the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Region
There are a variety of ways to show cultural affiliation, one is through ancestral links to places. For example, Alutiiqs can argue they have lived on the same lands for thousands of years and therefore have strong ties with human remains taken from those lands. Thus, knowing what tribes associate themselves with each areas of the Kodiak region helps to identify who to consult about repatriation.

The following table provides an overview of traditional land use, illustrating which Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq organizations with standing to claim identify themselves as culturally affiliated with the areas from which repatriatable items may come. These affiliations were identified and discussed by Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission members with assistance from Alutiiq Museum anthropologists. They are based on prehistoric data, historical records, and sustained Alutiiq / Sugpiaq occupation and utilization of islands, coasts, and waterways in the Kodiak region over the past 7,500 years. The table is included as a general reference. It does not in any way limit which groups may claim objects from an area.
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1 See Table 1 for a list of organizational abbreviations
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Part II: Repatriation Issues in NAGPRA/NMAIA

C: Decision Making Procedures
In general, decisions regarding disposition of repatriated materials should conform to the guidelines established within this manual, which was created by the Kodiak Alutiiq / Suqpiaq Repatriation Commission to support repatriation at an island-wide scale.

In anticipation of the return of human remains:
The claiming tribe or corporation shall determine the disposition of human remains and funerary objects being claimed. These decisions include but are not limited to:

– reburial issues: where and how to rebury
– protection for reburial remains if any
– physical interment standards: coffins, boxes, biodegradable material
– type of reburial ceremony if any
– type of grave marker if any

In anticipation of the return of cultural material:
The claiming tribe or corporation shall make decisions regarding the disposition of objects of cultural patrimony and sacred objects being claimed. These decisions include but are not limited to:

- who will have legal ownership / title of the repatriated material
- how and where will the materials be cared for
- use of repatriated material for religious or ceremonial purposes
- use of repatriated material for educational purposes
D: Definitions

This section provides the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq descriptions for each category of objects included in NAGPRA and NMAIA. It explains why each kind of object continues to have cultural importance. The Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq definitions reported here were developed by consensus during a meeting of Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission Members on September 5-8, 2007 in Kodiak, Alaska. See the glossary for the legal definitions of these terms.

Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Ancestral Remains: these remains include skeletal and mummified remains of Alutiiq / Sugpiaqs from the Kodiak archipelago – including all islands from the Barren Island to Chirikof Island. Alutiiq / Sugpiaq remains include every skeletal element, preserved soft tissue, and hair and fingernails collected specifically for spiritual purposes or burial.

Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Funerary Objects: these are objects found in direct association with Alutiiq / Sugpiaq remains in a burial context. These objects may have been created specifically for burial or they may have been the items owned and/or used by an Alutiiq / Sugpiaq individual that were placed with him or her at the time of burial.

Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Sacred Objects: All objects require respectful treatment to maintain their integrity and please their sua. However, the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission recognizes some specific sacred items, used by the practitioners of Sugpiaq religion that continue to have importance to our people today. The first are our ceremonial masks. Our ancestors created these powerful religious artifacts to communicate with the spirit world and promote prosperity. Masks were the property of families – created by artists to tell family stories, praise forbearers, and to communicate with the spirits that controlled life on Earth. Although Western religions have largely replaced our traditional religion, our people never stopped masking (e.g., New Years masquerading, performing with masks). In recent years, we have begun to revive our traditional spiritual life and masks have been at the center of this process. The masks stored in museums are instructors for the current generation of mask makers who have no one to apprentice. Our artists must study our historic masks to create authentic pieces for ceremonial use.

Additional sacred items may be identified with research.

Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Objects of Cultural Patrimony: The Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq community recognizes our petroglyphs as items of cultural patrimony. They were created in our past and remain vitally important to our culture today. These rock carvings were intended as stationary record of our culture. They are considered inalienable Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq property and should not be removed from their locations, sold or
traded. Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaqs placed them in specific locations with the intent that they remain there in perpetuity.

Other objects of Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq cultural patrimony may be identified in the future, including but not limited to large oil lamps and stars used in Orthodox rituals.
E: Human Remains Policy

Handling Human Remains
Some Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaqs were taught by their Elders not to touch human remains. Therefore, no Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaqs shall be compelled to handle human remains as part of the repatriation process.

If it becomes necessary to handle human remains to bring them home, the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq organization claiming the remains will designate a specific person (or people) to complete this handing. This person(s) may be of non-Alutiiq / Sugpiaq heritage.

The Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission requests that the institutions holding the remains of our ancestors restrict and limit access to those remains so that the individuals are disturbed as little as possible.

Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission requests that the Alutiiq Museum hold human remains in the area of its collections room set aside for culturally sensitive materials, handle these remains as little as possible, and keep individual remains together. The museum is also instructed to refrain from displaying human remains and funerary objects or using these materials in programs and presentations.

The Study of Ancestral Remains
The Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission establishes a moratorium on all unauthorized scientific research involving the remains of our ancestors.

Scientists wishing to conduct studies of our ancestors remains are instructed to provide a proposal to the appropriate Alutiiq / Sugpiaq community and corporation, and to the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission. The research proposal will be reviewed for appropriate protocols and to insure that Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq people are informed of research progress and results in a timely and appropriate manner. The commission also encourages Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq tribes and corporations to share such proposal's Alutiiq Museum anthropologists to insure that they meet professional and ethical standards.

Poorly Provenienced Human Remains
The Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission designates Koniag, Inc., the regional ANCSA Corporation representing all Kodiak Alutiiq people, the appropriate organization to oversee claims for the repatriation of our ancestors’ remains for which there is limited locational information, those remains recognized as solely from somewhere in the Kodiak archipelago. However, all other organizations with standing
to claim under NAGPRA will be notified of repatriation activities related to such remains.
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F: Return and Reburial Guidelines

These guidelines were developed during a meeting of Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaqs in September 5-8, 2007 in Kodiak, Alaska. The Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq group had regional representation from Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq communities and included Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Elders and members of the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission.

The guidelines are meant to assist communities as they plan returns and re-burials. The guidelines may answer or address concerns that communities have, providing a “place to turn” for the opinions of others.

Funerary Objects
Communities and / or corporations will decide how to handle the objects that accompany any human remains. Some people believe that all the objects that were buried with a person should be re-buried with that person. Others believe that the objects should not be re-buried but kept in museums where Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaqs can always see them if they wish.

There is also a debate over whether funerary objects should be photographed if they are to be re-buried. Some people believe they should be photographed so we always know what the objects looked like. These people believe that it is important to have a record of ancestral artifacts for future Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaqs to see, especially because so much knowledge and history has been lost already. Others believe that funerary objects should not be photographed as these objects became sacred when they were buried with an individual and therefore should be treated as sacred and re-buried as originally intended.

The members of the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission and those who attended the meeting believe that these decisions should be made by the community or corporation that is culturally affiliated with the funerary objects, and thus overseeing the claim for their return. Each tribe or corporation has the right to decide how it will take care of funerary objects from its people.

Human Remains
1. Travel: Human remains traveling back to the Kodiak archipelago should be escorted home by a member of the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq community.

2. Burial: As a general rule, human remains should be re-buried, unless the affiliated tribe or corporation decides otherwise.

3. Where to Bury: The tribe or corporation overseeing the return of the remains shall
determine where repatriated remains shall be buried. The Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission urges care in reburying remains so that graves and archaeological sites are not disturbed in the process, and so that the remains will not be disturbed by future activity. It may be appropriate for a tribe or corporation to designate a specific reburial spot to be used for multiple repatriations.

4. **How to Rebury:** The tribe or corporation overseeing the return of the remains shall determine how repatriated remains are to be buried. The Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission suggests
   - Making the new burial similar to the original burial (e.g., if a mother and child were buried together, rebury them together).
   - Burying individuals – all the bones from one person should be kept together.
   - Have the repatriating museum remove any labeling on the bones prior to repatriation.
   - Bury people in boxes made out of local spruce.

5. **Services:** The tribe or corporation overseeing the return of the remains shall determine what type of burial service is appropriate. The Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission suggests considering the age and the likely religious heritage of the person being re-buried in making this decision.

6. **Burial Markers:** The tribe or corporation overseeing the return of the remains shall determine what, if any, type of burial marker will be used to mark the grave. The Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission suggests considering the protection of the reburial site in erecting any burial marker.
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G: Care of Repatriated Collections

Each tribe or corporation will decide how to care for the human remains, funerary objects, objects of cultural patrimony, and sacred objects it repatriates.

A successful repatriation claim results in the transfer of legal title (ownership) to the claiming group from whoever had legal title. Therefore, the group will be responsible for those objects since they have claimed them as their legal property. A group may wish to establish agreements for storage, curation and management of collections either temporarily or for the long-term. In such an agreement, the institution recognizes the ownership of the collection as that of the group who claims it and agrees to care for it under the standards set by the owner.

Loan agreements, curatorial agreements, or memorandums of understanding are options for asking an institution to provide collections care until a tribe or corporation is ready to manage its property.

Examples of loan and curation agreements are available from the Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository. Repatriating Alutiiq / Sugpiaq organizations may also negotiate with the Alutiiq Museum for the care of their funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony. Organizations should note, however, that the Alutiiq Museum must follow its board approved collections policy in establishing all loan agreements. This requires review by an advisory committee, and by the Alutiiq Heritage Foundation Board of Directors, a process that can sometimes take up to 6 months. Organizations wishing to curate repatriated collections at the Alutiiq Museum should work with the museum to establish a loan agreement well in advance of the repatriation date.

Please note that the Alutiiq Museum does not care for human remains on a long-term basis. The museum will only hold human remains on a temporary basis, while arrangements are made for study, movement to another space, or reburial.
SECTION 3: Archaeological Excavations and Finds

A. Protocols for Archaeological Research

Native Lands
In Alaska, Native corporation land is considered private land and archaeological materials occurring on corporation lands are the property of the corporation. Materials removed from archaeological sites on corporation land remain the property of the corporation.

The protection of archaeological sites on Native corporation land is the responsibility of the corporation. Scientists wishing to conduct archaeological research on Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq corporation lands should submit a written research proposal to the appropriate corporation. This proposal should include plans for managing the inadvertent discovery of human remains. An example permit form is included in Appendix B. The Commission encourages corporations to share such proposals with Alutiiq Museum archaeologists to ensure they meet professional and ethical standards.

Public Lands
Planned excavations on federal, state and municipal land must follow the guidelines established under a variety of laws (e.g., NAGPRA, the Archaeological Resource Protection Act, Alaska Historic Preservation Act), which require consultation with Native communities.

The Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission empowers the Alutiiq Museum’s professional archaeologists, repatriation coordinator, or other professionally qualified staff, to complete consultation on such research for the Alutiiq community. Consultation shall include review of a formal, written research design, which includes a plan for inadvertent discoveries, care of resulting collections, and the dissemination of research results. If the research proceeds, the Alutiiq Museum shall share a summary of its review with the Kodiak / Alutiiq Sugpiaq Commission, as well as related tribes or ANSCA corporations prior to the start of the project. If the research proceeds, the researcher will be encouraged to contact the nearest tribe and municipality before the project commences.

Private Land (not owned by a Kodiak / Alutiiq Sugpiaq corporation): Planned excavation on private lands requires permission from the landowner. Although consultation with related Native American groups is not required by law, the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission strongly recommends that such consultation take place, to demonstrate respect for the Alutiiq people whose heritage is reflected in Kodiak’s archaeological record, and to plan for the inadvertent discovery of human remains. Consultation on private lands should proceed as outlined for consultation on public lands, though communication with professional archaeologists at the Alutiiq Museum.
B. Inadvertent Discovery of Human Remains in the Kodiak Archipelago

The Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission establishes the following protocol to expedite the consultation process required by NAGPRA, the Archaeological Resource Protection Act (ARPA), and the Alaska Historic Preservation Act (AHPA) for the inadvertent discovery of human remains and/or funerary objects. This protocol is designed to insure an efficient and effective reburial of ancestral Alutiiq human remains and accompanying funerary objects.

Inadvertent Discovery on Native Corporation Land
In the event of an inadvertent discovery of human remains and/or funerary objects on Native corporation lands, the discoverer shall immediately cease all ground disturbing activity and notify the corporation of the find unless the discoverer and the corporation have an approved plan for the management of inadvertent finds (e.g., a permit for archaeological research on corporation lands that outlines the appropriate management of inadvertent discoveries of human remains.)

Inadvertent Discoveries on Public Lands
The Kodiak Alutiiq Repatriation Commission directs and authorizes the Alutiiq Museum to develop Memoranda of Understanding between the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission and Kodiak’s public land managers to implement the regional protocol for managing inadvertent discoveries of human remains under NAGPRA, ARPA, and AHPA, as outlined below. To support this agreement, the Museum will assist Kodiak’s federally recognized Alutiiq tribes in passing a resolution in support of the expedited protocol for consultation. A sample resolution is attached in Appendix B.

Regional Protocol for Managing Inadvertent Discoveries of Human Remains
The Kodiak Alutiiq Repatriation Commission establishes the following protocol to expedite the consultation process required under NAGPRA when ancestral Alutiiq human remains are discovered on public lands in the Kodiak region.

1. To expedite the consultation process and insure an efficient and effective reburial of ancestral Alutiiq human remains. Consultation shall be with the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission rather than individual organizations.

2. The Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission directs public land managers to;
   
   A. Notify the Alaska State Troopers of the find so that a swift determination of its age and cultural affiliation can be made.

   B. Whenever possible, involve an Alutiiq Museum archaeologist in the initial assessment of the find to prevent the unnecessary disturbance of prehistoric sites and graves, and to keep ancestral Alutiiq remains from being shipped off island to the medical examiners office if it is not...
necessary.

C. As soon as the remains are determined to be those of a prehistoric or historic Alutiiq person, rebury them in the immediate vicinity of the original find – with care not to disturb other burials or an archaeological site.

D. Notify the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission, through the Regional Repatriation Coordinator at the Alutiiq Museum, in writing of the find and the action taken to resolve the situation. The Commission will pass the information on to the culturally affiliated corporation or community.
## APPENDIX A

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR KODIAK ALUTIIQ / SUGPIAQ ORGANIZATIONS WITH STANDING TO CLAIM**

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APPENDIX B
EXAMPLE DOCUMENTS

1. **Contact Information Letter** – use this letter to update your tribe or corporation’s contact information with the National NAGPRA Program.

2. **Certificate of Authorization** – use this certificate to select your representative and alternative representative to the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission. There is one form for tribal councils and another for ANCSA corporations.

3. **Repatriation Agent Resolution** – use this resolution to empower the Alutiiq Museum to conduct repatriation research or make a repatriation claim on behalf of your Tribal Council or ANCSA Corporation. There is one resolution for tribal councils and another for ANCSA corporations.

4. **Alternative Representation Resolution** – use this resolution to empower another Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq organization with standing to claim under NAGPRA to represent your organization’s interests on the Repatriation Commission. There is one resolution for tribal councils and another for ANCSA corporations.

5. **Inadvertent Discoveries Resolution** - use this resolution to establish a protocol for managing inadvertent discoveries of human remains, particularly on public lands. This resolution will allow Alutiiq ancestral remains to be immediately reburied better protected and it will be presented to the major landowners in Kodiak.

6. **Permit to Conduct Archaeological Research** – give this blank form to researchers requesting permission to conduct archaeological surveys and excavations on corporation or community lands.
National NAGPRA Program
National Park Service
1849 C Street, NW (2253)
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: Consultation Contact Information

Dear National NAGPRA Program Office,

Cama’i – Hello. The __________________ (name of Native Village or ANCSA Corporation Here) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe or ANCSA Corporation (select one) with standing to claim under the Native American Graves Protection and Protection Act. We would like to update our contact information in your Native American Consultation Database. Please list the following information for our tribe;

ORGANIZATION NAME
CONTACT PERSON
ADDRESS
PHONE NUMBER
FAX NUMBER
EMAIL ADDRESS

Quyanaa – Thank you for your assistance,

NAME HERE
TITLE HERE

cc. Marnie Leist, Kodiak Alutiq / Sugpiaq Regional Repatriation Coordinator
Alutiq Museum & Archaeological Repository, 215 Mission Road, #101, Kodiak, AK 99615
TRIBAL COUNCILS - USE THIS FORM TO DESIGNATE YOUR REPATRIATION COMMISSION MEMBER AND ALTERNATE MEMBER

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION

The ______ Tribal Council, the federally recognized tribal government for the Alutiiq people of the Native village of _________, Alaska, designates __________________________ as our official NAGPRA and NMAIA representative.

As the NAGPRA and NMAIA representative for the Alutiiq of _________, Alaska __________________________ will:

• Serve as a member of the Kodiak Region Alutiiq Repatriation Commission,
• Attend repatriation meetings, teleconferences, and training sessions,
• Assist in preparing and responding to correspondence related to NAGPRA and NMAIA, and
• Assist in preparing and submitting repatriation claims related to NAGPRA and NMAIA, and
• Report to the Alutiiq people of _________ and their governing entities, including but not limited to

The ______ Tribal Council
ADDRESS
PHONE NUMBER

Singed this ______ day of ________, 2007 as directed by the ______ Tribal Council,

______________________________  ____________________
President                      Date

______________________________  ____________________
Secretary                     Date
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION

The __________ Corporation, an Alaska Native Village Corporation established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, designates ______________________ as our official NAGPRA and NMAIA representative.

As the NAGPRA and NMAIA representative for the __________ Corporation ______________________ will:

• Serve as a member of the Kodiak Region Alutiiq Repatriation Commission,
• Attend repatriation meetings, teleconferences, and training sessions,
• Assists in preparing and responding to correspondence related to NAGPRA and NMAIA, and
• Assists in preparing and submitting repatriation claims related to NAGPRA and NMAIA, and
• Report to the Alutiiq people of the __________ corporation and their governing entities, including but not limited to

The __________ Corporation
ADDRESS: ____________________________________________
PHONE NUMBER: ______________

Singed this ______ day of _________, 2007 as directed by the ______ Corporation

__________________________________________  Date

__________________________________________  Date

President  Secretary
TRIBAL COUNCILS – USE THIS RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE ALUTIIQ MUSEUM YOUR AGENT FOR REPATRIATION WORK

__________ TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION

A Resolution of the __________ Tribal Council granting the Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository authority to act as the national repatriation agent for issues relating to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and the National Museum of the American Indian Act.

Resolution # ______________

Whereas, the Native village of __________, Alaska is a federally recognized tribe; and

Whereas, the __________ Tribal Council is the governing body for that Native village of __________; and

Whereas, the Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository is a regional non-profit organization established by Alutiiq tribes, corporations and organizations to preserve and share the cultural traditions of the Alutiiq / Sugpiaq people of the Kodiak archipelago; and

Whereas, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA) and the National Museum of the American Indian Act (as amended 1996, NMAIA), mandates cooperation between museums and federal agencies and recognized tribal entities:

New therefore be it resolved that, the Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository is authorized to act as the __________ Tribal Council’s national repatriation agent; and

Be it further resolved that, the Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository is directed to work with the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission comprised of representatives of Kodiak’s Alutiiq / Sugpiaq tribes and ANCSA Corporations, and with museums, federal agencies and other collections holding institutions as mandated by NAGPRA and NMAIA to:

• Communicate with museums, federal agencies and other collections holding institutions on issues related to NAGPRA and NMAIA on behalf of the __________ Tribal Council, and

• Conduct research about the origins, location, documentation, and condition of human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony on behalf of the __________ Corporation, and

• Submit claims for the repatriation of human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony on behalf of the __________ Tribal Council, and

• Repatriate human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony on behalf of the __________ Tribal Council; and

Be it further resolved that, the __________ Tribal Council shall retain ownership of all cultural property repatriated to the Alutiiq Museum on its behalf.

Passed this ______ day of ____________, 2007 at a duly convened meeting of ___________ Tribal Council.

____________________________________  ______________________
President Date

____________________________________  ______________________
Secretary Date
ANCSA CORPORATIONS – USE THIS RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE ALUTIIQ MUSEUM YOUR AGENT FOR REPATRIATION WORK

__________ CORPORATION RESOLUTION

A Resolution of the __________ Corporation granting the Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository authority to act as the national repatriation agent for issues relating to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and the National Museum of the American Indian Act.

Resolution # __________

Whereas, the __________ is an Alaska Native Corporation established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; and

Whereas, the Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository is a regional non-profit organization established by Alutiiq / Sugpiaq tribes, corporation and organizations to preserve and share the cultural traditions of the Alutiiq / Sugpiaq people of the Kodiak archipelago; and

Whereas, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA) and the National Museum of the American Indian Act (as amended 1996, NMAI), mandates cooperation between museums and federal agencies and recognized tribal entities:

New therefore be it resolved that, the Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository is authorized to act as the __________ Corporation’s national repatriation agent; and

Be it further resolved that, the Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository is directed to work with the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission comprised of representatives of Kodiak’s Alutiiq / Sugpiaq tribes and ANCSA Corporations, and with museums, federal agencies and other collections holding institutions as mandated by NAGPRA and NMAIA to:

• Communicate with museums, federal agencies and other collections holding institutions on issues related to NAGPRA and NMAIA on behalf of the __________ Corporation, and

• Conduct research about the origins, location, documentation, and condition of human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony on behalf of the __________ Corporation, and

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Be it further resolved that, the __________ Corporation shall retain ownership of all cultural property repatriated to the Alutiiq Museum on its behalf.

Passed this ______ day of __________, 2007 at a duly convened meeting of __________ Corporation.

____________________________________  ______________________
President  Date

____________________________________  ______________________
Secretary  Date
TRIBAL COUNCILS – USE THIS RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE ANOTHER ORGANIZATION TO REPRESENT YOU ON THE REPATRIATION COMMISSION

__________ TRIBAL RESOLUTION

A Resolution of the Native village of __________________, granting the _____________________ (NAME OF AGENT) authority to act as our representative for issues relating to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and the National Museum of the American Indian Act as a member of the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission.

Resolution # ________________

Whereas, the Native village of __________, Alaska is a federally recognized tribe; and

Whereas, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA) and the National Museum of the American Indian Act (as amended 1996, NMAI), recognizes the right of Alaska Native Corporations to consult about and make claims for the repatriation of ancestral remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony; and

Whereas, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA) also recognizes the right of Alaska Native tribes to appoint representatives for the consultation and repatriation process; and

Whereas, the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission is a regional commission established by Kodiak Alutiiq tribes and ANCSA corporations with standing to claim under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act to coordinate consultation and repatriation projects in the Kodiak archipelago; and

Whereas, the members of the Native Village of _________________ share ancestral ties with the members of the _____________________ (NAME OF AGENT);

New therefore be it resolved that, the Native village of __________, does not wish to fill its seat on the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission at this time, but authorizes the _____________________ (NAME OF AGENT) to act on its behalf; and

Be it further resolved that, the Native village of __________, retains the right to reestablish its seat on the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission by appointing a representative at any time it so chooses.

Passed this ______ day of ____________, 2008 at a duly convened meeting of the Native Village of ________________.

____________________________________  __________
President                                Date

____________________________________  __________
Secretary                               Date
ANCSA CORPORATIONS – USE THIS RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE ANOTHER ORGANIZATION TO REPRESENT YOU ON THE REPATRIATION COMMISSION

__________ CORPORATION RESOLUTION

A Resolution of the ______________________ (NAME OF CORPORATION) granting the ______________________ (NAME OF AGENT) authority to act as our representative for issues relating to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and the National Museum of the American Indian Act as a member of the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission.

Resolution # _____________

Whereas, the ______________________ (NAME OF CORPORATION) is an Alaska Native Corporation established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; and

Whereas, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA) and the National Museum of the American Indian Act (as amended 1996, NMAI), recognizes the right of Alaska Native Corporations to consult about and make claims for the repatriation of ancestral remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony; and

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Whereas, the ______________________ (NAME OF CORPORATION) is a Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq corporation whose members share ancestral ties with the ______________________ (NAME OF AGENT);

New therefore be it resolved that, the ______________________ (NAME OF CORPORATION) does not wish to fill its seat on the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission at this time, but authorizes the ______________________ (NAME OF AGENT) to act on its behalf; and

Be it further resolved that, the ______________________ (NAME OF CORPORATION) retains the right to reestablish its seat on the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission by appointing a representative at any time it so chooses.

Passed this ______ day of ____________, 2008 at a duly convened meeting of ___________ Corporation.

__________________________________________        ____________
President                                              Date

__________________________________________        ____________
Secretary                                               Date

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TRIBAL COUNCILS – USE THIS RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE REPATRIATION COMMISSION’S PROTOCOL FOR MANAGING INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES OF HUMAN REMAINS

__________ TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION

A Resolution of the ________ Tribal Council adopting the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission’s protocol for managing inadvertent discoveries of ancestral Alutiiq human remains in the Kodiak Archipelago to assist land managers in effectively fulfilling the provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

Resolution # ______________

Whereas, the Native village of __________, Alaska is a federally recognized tribe; and

Whereas, the _________ Tribal Council is the governing body for that Native village of __________; and

Whereas, the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission is a regional commission established by Kodiak Alutiiq tribes and ANCSA corporations with standing to claim under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act to coordinate repatriation in the Kodiak archipelago; and

Whereas, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA) mandates that the most closely culturally affiliated Native American group be notified when ancestral human remains are inadvertently discovered:

New therefore be it resolved that, the _________ Tribal Council appoints the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission to act as its agent in consulting on the inadvertent discovery of ancestral Alutiiq human remains as outlined in NAGPRA.

Be it further resolved that, the _________ Tribal Council adopts the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission’s protocol for managing inadvertent discoveries of ancestral Alutiiq human remains, which includes,

A. Notifying the Alaska State Troopers of the find so that a swift determination of its age and cultural affiliation can be made.

B. Whenever possible, involving an Alutiiq Museum archaeologist in the assessment of the find to prevent the unnecessary disturbance of prehistoric sites and graves, and to keep the remains from being shipped off island to the medical examiners office if it is not necessary.

C. As soon as the remains are determined to be those of a prehistoric Alutiiq person, reburying them in the immediate vicinity of the original find – with care not to disturb another burial or an archaeological site.

D. Notifying the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission in writing of the find and the action taken to resolve the situation. The Commission will pass the information on to the culturally affiliated corporation or community.

Passed this ______ day of ____________, 2007 at a duly convened meeting of ____________ Tribal Council.

______________________________________ ____________
President Date

______________________________________ ____________
Secretary Date
ANCSA CORPORATIONS – USE THIS RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE REPATRIATION COMMISSION’S PROTOCOL FOR MANAGING INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES OF HUMAN REMAINS

__________ CORPORATION RESOLUTION

A Resolution of the __________ Corporation adopting the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission’s protocol for managing inadvertent discoveries of ancestral Alutiiq human remains in the Kodiak Archipelago to assist land managers in effectively fulfilling the provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

Resolution # ______________

Whereas, the __________ is an Alaska Native Corporation established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; and

Whereas, the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission is a regional commission established by Kodiak Alutiiq tribes and ANCSA corporations with standing to claim under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act to coordinate repatriation in the Kodiak archipelago; and

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New therefore be it resolved that, the __________ corporation appoints the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission to act as its agent in consulting on the inadvertent discovery of ancestral Alutiiq human remains as outlined in NAGPRA.

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Passed this ______ day of ____________, 2007 at a duly convened meeting of ___________ Corporation.

____________________________________  ______________________
President                      Date

____________________________________  ______________________
Secretary                     Date
PERMIT TO CONDUCT ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH

Requestor:

1. Name:

2. Address:

3. **Type of permit requested:** (check appropriate box)
   - □ a. Surveys and limited testing/limited collections of lands identified in No. 4.
   - □ b. Excavation, collection and intensive study of specific sites described below in No. 4.

4. **Lands for which a permit is requested**
   - a. **Description:** Specify State and land managing agency(ies) including regions or districts.
   - b. Attach a copy of a map, sketch, or plan showing specific sites or areas for which permit is desired.

5. **Nature and extent of the work proposed, including how and why it is to be conducted:**

6. **Name, address and institutional affiliations:**
   - a. Individual(s) proposed to be responsible for conducting the work (i.e., in direct charge of field work):
b. Individual(s) to be responsible for carrying out the terms and conditions of the permit (i.e., in general charge):

7. Proposed date fieldwork will begin:

8. Proposed time of performance:

9. Cultural Center, university, museum of other scientific or educational institution in which the applicant proposes to store all collections and copies of records, data, photographs and other documents derived from the proposed work:
10. Proposed outlet for public written dissemination of the results:

11. Evidence of the applicant’s ability to initiate, conduct and complete the proposed including evidence of logistical support and laboratory facilities:

12. Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act – what measures have been taken to insure the respect for and the safety of ancestral Alutiiq remains?

13. Authorization: The ________________ Corporation grants permission for the work described above to be conducted on its lands,

Signature and Title of Land Owner’s Representative  Date

Attachments:
- Please attach a one page resume for each of the principal investigators
- Please attach a letter from the organization where the collection will be curated indicating their willingness to care for this collection.
APPENDIX C

Repatriation Procedures under NAGPRA and NMAIA

Note: this section provides a brief summary of repatriation procedures; for details of NAGPRA and NMAIA procedures refer directly each law or regulations.

REPATRIATION PROCEDURES SUMMARY

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<th>Responsibilities of Institutions Holding Alutiiq Human Remains and Cultural Property</th>
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<td>I</td>
<td>a) Complete Item by Item Inventory of human remains and funerary objects, distribute b) Prepare and submit Notice of Inventory Completion for human remains and funerary objects c) Complete Summary of other objects, distribute to allow for identification of additional funerary objects, objects of cultural patrimony and sacred objects</td>
<td>a) Review and analyze documents b) Be able to manage the information contained in the documents c) Ask Questions d) Request Consultations</td>
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<td>a) Discuss treatment of repatriated items b) Prepare formal requests for repatriation, nature of request depends on cultural object*</td>
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<td>V**</td>
<td>NAGPRA a) Human remains and funerary objects may be returned 30 days from date of Notice of Inventory Completion in the National Register b) Sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony may be returned 30 days from date of Notice of Intent to Repatriation publication</td>
<td>a) Be aware of publication dates for Notices of Inventory Completion and Notices of Intent to Repatriate b) Prepare for return of materials c) Work with institution to facilitate return (i.e., packing arrangements, transportation, ceremonies, etc.) d) Plan return/reburial ceremonies as desired by the community</td>
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<td>NMAIA: not required to publish notices</td>
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All Institutions, Agencies, etc:

a) Work with native organization to facilitate return
b) Deaccession
c) Formal title transfer

*see Part II, Section D for Evidence Required for Submission of Claim

**Stage V goes forward only if there is no conflict between the institution and the requesting organization. Under NAGPRA, if there is conflict that cannot be resolved the issue moves forward to the NAGPRA review committee for a decision. Both groups will be invited to speak before the committee. Under NMAIA, if there is a conflict that cannot be resolved, the NMAIA Review Committee will make a decision.
GLOSSARY

**Accession** – To formally add an item or a collection to the permanent holdings of a museum. This term usually implies a transfer of title – of ownership – of the object or collection to the museum.

**ANCSA** – The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act – federal legislation passed in 1971 to return land and resources to Alaska Native people. The law mandated the formation of Alaska Native regional and village corporations.

**Alaska Historic Preservation Act (AHPA)** – The state law, passed in 1971 to protect Alaskan archaeological sites and their contents. This law protects grave sites of any age and requires consultation with Native peoples for the excavation of sites reflecting Native heritage.

**Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA)** – The federal law passed in 1979 that provides protection for archaeological sites and their contents in the United States.

**Catalog** – An inventory of materials in a museum collection. A catalog contains specific information on each piece that is part of a specific museum collection.

**Certification of Authorization** – An official statement signed by tribal or ANCSA Corporation authorities to designate their member and alternative member to the Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Repatriation Commission. See example in Appendix B.

**Cultural Affiliation** – “... a relationship of shared group identity that may be reasonably traced historically or prehistorically between a present-day Indian tribe...and an earlier identifiable group.”

**Cultural Patrimony** – Under NAGPRA objects of cultural patrimony are “items having ongoing historical, traditional or cultural importance central to the Indian tribe...rather than property owned by an individual tribal or organization member. These objects are of such central importance that they could not have been alienated, appropriated, or conveyed by any individual tribal or organization member. Such objects must have been considered inalienable by the culturally affiliated Indian tribe or organization at the time the object was separated from the group.”

**Curation** – The process of caring for a collection at a museum. Museums curate collections – this involves taking physical care of the collection and keeping detailed records about its location, use, and history.

**Deaccession** – To formally remove an object or a collection from the holdings of a museum. This term usually implies a transfer of title – of ownership – of the object or collection from the museum to another entity.
**Funerary Object** – Under NAGPRA funerary objects are “items that, as part of death rite or ceremony of a culture, are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally at the time of death or later with or near individual human remains. Funerary objects must be identified by a preponderance of the evidence as having been removed from a specific burial site of an individual affiliated with a particular Indian tribe....or as being related to specific individuals or families or to known human remains. 36 CFR 10.2.d(2).

**Human remains** – The NMAIA does not define human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects or cultural patrimonial objects; although in practice the definitions are very similar to those outlined in NAGPRA. Under NAGPRA human remains are “…the physical remains of a human body of a person of Native American ancestry. The term does not include remains or portions of remains that may reasonably be determined to have been freely given or naturally shed by the individual from whose body they were obtained, such as hair made into ropes or nets.” 36 CFR 10.2.d(1).

**Kodiak Alutiiq / Sugpiaq Cultural Materials Database** - A electronic list of collections in U.S. Museum that contain Kodiak Alutiiq human remains and potentially repatriatable Kodiak Alutiiq cultural property. This database is maintained and managed by the Alutiiq Museum for the Kodiak Alutiiq tribes and ANCSA corporations with standing to claim under NAGPRA. It is not publicly accessible.


**NMAIA** – The National Museum of the American Indian Act. The Federal law that formed the National Museum of the American Indian and set repatriation guidelines for the Smithsonian institution, which is not governed by NAGPRA.

**Notice of Inventory Completion** – A notice that a museum publishes in the federal register to tell others that it has completed a review of a collection. This notice, required by NAGPRA, summarizes the repatriatable materials that are in the museum’s care.

**Object of Cultural Patrimony** – Objects of cultural patrimony means items having ongoing historical, traditional or cultural importance central to the Indian tribe...rather than property owned by an individual tribal or organization member. These objects are of such central importance that they could not have been alienated, appropriated, or conveyed by any individual tribal or organization member. Such objects must have been considered inalienable by the culturally affiliated Indian tribe or organization at the time the object was separated from the group. 36 CFR 10.2.d(4).

**Provenience** – The origin and history of an item. Museum document the provenience
of items in their collection to track where they came from, who made them, and their chain of ownership.

**Repatriation** – The process of returning ownership of Native American Human Remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony to Native American individuals or communities.

**Right of Possession** – This refers to the ownership of an object. A person or an institution has the right to own an object if it was obtained by the voluntary consent of an individual or group that had the right to sell or transfer the object.

**Sacred Object** – Sacred objects means items that are specific ceremonial objects needed by traditional Native American religious leaders for the practice of traditional Native American religions by their present-day adherents. While many items, from ancient pottery sherds to arrowheads, might be imbued with sacredness in the eyes of an individual, these regulations are specifically limited to objects that were devoted to a traditional Native American religious ceremony or ritual and which have religious significance or function in the continued observance or renewal of such ceremony. The term traditional religious leader means a person who is recognized by members of an Indian tribe as (i) being responsible for performing cultural duties relating to the ceremonial or religious traditions of that Indian tribe..., or (ii) exercising a leadership role in an Indian tribe...based on the tribe or organization's cultural, ceremonial, or religious practices. 36 CFR 10.2.d(2).

**Standing to Claim** – The right to initiate a repatriation claim under NAGPRA and NMAIA. In Alaska, the Native American entities with standing to claim include all federally recognized tribes. This includes both tribal governments and Alaska Native corporations – regional and village – formed under ANCSA.