

# ARCHAEOLOGY & HISTORIC PRESERVATION



Archaeological sites are the Alutiiq/Sugpiaq library. They represent the only record, for all time, of deep ancestral traditions. Each time a site is vandalized or destroyed, our history is lost. Caring for ancestral sites is as important as caring for artifacts in our tribal repository. The Alutiiq Museum works to locate, describe, and monitor sites, care for archaeological collections, study Alutiiq history, and develop educational resources that promote cultural learning and historic preservation.

## Kodiak Archaeology Facts . . .

**2600+**

Number of  
archaeological  
sites in the region

**5.4%**

Percent of all sites  
in Alaska found in  
the region

**2/3**

Fraction of sites  
that are ancestral  
Alutiiq



## Archaeological Collections

- >164,300 historic and prehistoric artifacts spanning 7500 years
- 388 archaeological collections, representing over 400 sites
- Teaching collection with over 2300 hands-on artifacts
- Since 1995, the size of our archaeological collections has tripled

## Site Stewardship

Since 1998 our professional archaeologists have monitored sites throughout the archipelago with the help of volunteers. Program statistics include:

- 1659 site visits
- 812 unique sites studied
- 547 new sites documented
- 68 volunteers
- 12 program newsletters
- Educational videos & brochures
- Mailings to fisheries permit holders and harbormasters

## Research

We have active archaeological research and cultural resource management programs. Since 1995, we have completed:

- 124 archaeological surveys
- 22 site excavations
- 6 books
- 13 journal articles and essays
- 82 technical reports
- 2 video series
- Research collaborations with agencies, businesses, and tribes
- Repatriation of hundreds of ancestral remains
- Field and laboratory support for numerous researchers

