

Officials of the University of Alaska Museum have also determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (e), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between this item and the Chugach Alaska Corporation.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Chugach Alaska Corporation. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with this object should contact Gary Selinger, Special Projects Manager, University of Alaska Museum, 907 Yukon Drive, Fairbanks, AK 99775-1200; telephone: (907) 474-6117, fax: (907) 474-5469 before May 1, 2000. Repatriation of this object to the Chugach Alaska Corporation may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: March 23, 2000.

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Program.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items From the Kachemak Bay Region, AK in the Control of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and in Possession of the University of Alaska Museum, Fairbanks, AK

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 43 CFR 10.10 (a)(3), of the intent to repatriate cultural items from the Kachemak Bay Region, Alaska in the control of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and in possession of the University of Alaska Museum, Fairbanks, AK which meet the definition of "unassociated funerary object" under Section 2 of the Act.

The two cultural items consist of a bone wedge and pumice.

In 1931, these two cultural items were recovered with a burial at the Fox Farm Site, Yukon Island, AK during excavations conducted under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania Museum by Frederica de Laguna. The human remains recovered with these cultural items have previously been repatriated from the University of Pennsylvania Museum.

The two cultural items consist of a bone eye and a slate point.

In 1932, these two cultural items were recovered with a burial on Yukon Island, Alaska during excavations conducted under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania Museum by Frederica de Laguna. The human remains recovered with these cultural items have previously been repatriated from the University of Pennsylvania Museum.

In 1953, the four cultural items mentioned above were sent to the University of Alaska Museum from the University of Pennsylvania Museum as part of an exchange collection.

Based on material culture and oral history, the sites listed above have been identified as Kachemak Bay period occupations (c. 1500 AD).

Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(2)(ii), these four cultural items are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony and are believed, by a preponderance of the evidence, to have been removed from a specific burial site of a Native American individual. Officials of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have also determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (e), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these items and the Chugach Alaska Corporation.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Chugach Alaska Corporation. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these objects should contact Deb Corbett, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 E. Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503; telephone: (907) 786-3399, fax: (907) 786-3635 before May 1, 2000. Repatriation of these objects to the Chugach Alaska Corporation may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: March 23, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Keechelus Dam Safety of Dams Modification, Yakima Project, Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on structural and nonstructural alternatives to correct safety deficiencies at Keechelus Dam in the State of Washington. In June 1998, Reclamation's Safety of Dams (SOD) Program identified safety deficiencies from void sites and dam embankment deterioration which could lead to embankment failure. The SOD Program indicated that there is a need to correct dam safety deficiencies at Keechelus Dam to protect property and the lives of people living downstream of the dam.

DATES: Scoping meetings will be held on the following dates and times:

- North Bend, Washington: April 18, 2000, Open House 6 to 7 p.m.; Meeting 7 to 9 p.m.
- Ellensburg, Washington: April 19, Open House 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Meeting 1 to 3 p.m. and Open House 6 to 7 p.m.; Meeting 7 to 9 p.m.

Written comments will be accepted through April 24, 2000, for inclusion in the scoping summary document. Requests for sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should be submitted to Dave Kaumheimer, as indicated below by April 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests to be added to the mailing list may be submitted to Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Columbia Area Office, Attention: Dave Kaumheimer, Environmental Programs Manager, PO Box 1749, Yakima, Washington 98907-1749.

The scoping meetings will be held at the following locations:

- North Bend—North Bend (U.S. Forest Service) Ranger Station, 42404 SE North Bend Way, North Bend, Washington.

- Ellensburg—Ellensburg Inn, 1700 Canyon Road, Ellensburg, Washington.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which