

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 21, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the TDEC–DOA, ETSU, and UTK 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. TDEC–DOA, ETSU, and UTK are 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 11, 2025.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[N6806; NPS–WASO–NAGPRA–NPS0041628; PPWOCRADN0–PCU00RP14.R50000]

Notice of Intended Repatriation: Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Archaeology, Nashville, TN

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Archaeology (TDEC–DOA) intends to repatriate a certain cultural item from Hawkins County, TN that meets the

definition of an unassociated funerary object and that has a cultural affiliation with the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the cultural item in this notice may occur on or after January 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural item in this notice to Phillip R. Hodge, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Archaeology (TDEC–DOA), 1216 Foster Avenue, Cole Building #3, Nashville, TN 37243, email *Phil.Hodge@tn.gov*.

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 TDEC–DOA, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the summary or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

A total of one cultural item from Hawkins County, Tennessee has been requested for repatriation.

Site 40HW15, Hawkins County, TN

One artifact consisting of a sandstone pipe. This artifact was donated to Bays Mountain Natural Area and Park and transferred to TDEC–DOA in December 2022. No additional information is available regarding the circumstances surrounding recovery. There is no known exposure to hazardous substances or treatments.

Determinations

The TDEC–DOA has determined that:

- The one cultural item described in this notice is 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 object has 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 item described in this notice and the Cherokee Nation;

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; The Muscogee (Creek) Nation; Thlopthlocco Tribal Town; and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

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Repatriation of the cultural item in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after January 21, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the TDEC–DOA must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the cultural item are considered a single request and not competing requests. The TDEC–DOA 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 11, 2025.

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: Sheldon Jackson Museum, Sitka, AK

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Sheldon Jackson Museum intends to repatriate a certain cultural item that meets the definition of an object of cultural patrimony and that has a cultural affiliation with the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the cultural item in this notice may occur on or after January 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural item in this notice to Jacqueline Fernandez-Hamberg, Sheldon Jackson Museum, 104 College Drive, Sitka, AK 99835, email Jacqueline.Fernandez-Hamberg@alaska.gov.

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 Sheldon Jackson Museum, and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the summary or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

A total of one cultural items have been requested for repatriation. The one object of cultural patrimony is a Tlingit war helmet. Helmet carved from wood burl wood, covered tightly with bear skin with fur on it. The figure is the raven, representing the Raven moiety crest of the Sitka Kiks.adi clan. The eyes are inlaid with copper.

Determinations

The Sheldon Jackson Museum has determined that:

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

- There is a connection between the cultural item described in this notice and the Sitka Tribe of Alaska.

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Repatriation of the cultural item in this notice to a requestor may occur on

or after January 21, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the Sheldon Jackson Museum must determine the most appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the cultural item are considered a single request and not competing requests. The Sheldon Jackson Museum 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 12, 2025.

Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

[Docket No. BOEM-2020-0018]

Alaska Outer Continental Shelf, Cook Inlet Planning Area, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 258

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; record of decision.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announces the availability of the modified record of decision (ROD) for the Cook Inlet Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 258. The ROD identifies the selected alternative for Lease Sale 258, which was analyzed in the "Alaska Outer Continental Shelf, Cook Inlet Planning Area, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 258 in the Cook Inlet, Alaska, Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement" (OCS EIS/EA BOEM 2025-035) (EIS). BOEM prepared the supplemental EIS to address deficiencies identified by the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska (Court) in its opinion of July 16, 2024, and to inform the decision maker on whether to affirm, modify, or void Lease Sale 258. In making her decision, the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management (ASLM) considered nine alternatives, several sub-alternatives, and their potential impacts in the supplemental EIS. After careful consideration, the ASLM selected alternative 6, described in the supplemental EIS as the preferred alternative, which affirmed Lease Sale

258 as it was held in 2022 and the one lease issued from that lease sale.

ADDRESSES: The modified ROD and associated information are available on BOEM's website at <https://www.boem.gov/ak258>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Casey Rowe, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Alaska Regional Office, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, 907-312-3788, casey.rowe@boem.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The potential environmental effects of oil and gas activities that could result from Lease Sale (LS) 258 were originally evaluated in the "Alaska Outer Continental Shelf, Cook Inlet Planning Area, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 258 in the Cook Inlet, Alaska, Final Environmental Impact Statement" (EIS) (OCS/EIS EA BOEM 2022-061) (2022 Final EIS). The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Lands and Mineral Management, signed the ROD on November 26, 2022. LS 258 was held on December 30, 2022, resulting in one lease issued. The sale was required to be held no later than December 31, 2022, by the Inflation Reduction Act (Pub. L. 119-61).

On December 21, 2022, plaintiffs Cook Inletkeeper and others filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska under the Administrative Procedure Act, alleging several violations of the National Environmental Policy Act. On July 16, 2024, the Court ruled partially in favor of the plaintiffs and remanded without vacatur the LS 258 EIS and ROD to BOEM to prepare a supplemental EIS to address three deficiencies identified by the Court.

On April 4, 2025, BOEM published a notice of intent (NOI) to prepare the LS 258 supplemental EIS (90 FR 14866). The supplemental EIS, completed in December 2025, considered nine alternatives and several sub-alternatives.

The ASLM selected alternative 6 and affirmed LS 258 and the one lease issued as a result of the sale. As described in the modified ROD, the ASLM fully considered the potential impacts of this action as described in the supplemental EIS, considered mitigation of potential impacts through exclusion of sensitive OCS areas and implementation of lease stipulations, and articulated factors considered in selecting the agency's preferred alternative. In making the decision, the ASLM confirmed the previously adopted lease stipulations as being the most practicable means at the lease sale stage of reducing or avoiding impacts to the environment. She also noted that the OCS Lands Act provides BOEM and