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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Intended Repatriation: The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), The Metropolitan Museum of Art (The Met) intends to repatriate a certain cultural item that meet the definition of a sacred object and that has a known lineal descendant.

DATES: Repatriation of the cultural item in this notice may occur on or after October 16, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural item in this notice to Jennifer Day, NAGPRA Coordinator & Community Liaison, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1000 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10028, email Jennifer.day@metmuseum.org.

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 Met, 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 has been requested for repatriation. The one sacred object is a wooden deity figure (*akua kā'ai*) (former Museum accession number 1979.206.1625). The deity figure's provenance connects it to the Hale o Keawe site (the house of Keawe) at the historic site of Hōnaunau on the Big Island of Hawai'i. Consultation and museum records indicate that the deity figure, which is in the 'Kona' style, would have been used in ceremonial rites and other religious ceremonies at the Hale o Keawe site to invoke or

summon forth ancestor spirits and deities. The item was loaned by Nelson A. Rockefeller to The Museum of Primitive Art, New York, in 1961, and given by bequest to The Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1979; Mr. Rockefeller acquired the item in 1961 through John J. Klejman, New York.

The Museum is not aware of any potentially hazardous substances used to treat any of the cultural items.

Determinations

The Museum has determined that:

- The one sacred object described in this notice is a specific ceremonial object needed by a traditional Native American religious leader for present-day adherents to practice traditional Native American religion, according to the Native American traditional knowledge of a lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization.

- A known lineal descendant is connected to the cultural item described in this notice. This determination was made pursuant to 43 CFR 10.9(h)(4) following receipt of competing request for repatriation of the cultural item described in this notice.

Requests for Repatriation

Additional, written requests for repatriation of the cultural item in this notice must be sent to the authorized representative identified in this notice under **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or a culturally affiliated Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

Repatriation of the cultural item in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after October 16, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the 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 Museum is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to all requestors and 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.

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Melanie O'Brien,

Manager, National NAGPRA Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service is hereby giving notice that the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee (Committee) will hold a virtual meeting, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended.

DATES: The Committee will meet via video conference on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. until approximately 6:00 p.m. (Eastern). All meetings are open to the public. The agenda and materials for this meeting will be posted on or before September 15, 2026 (see **ADDRESSES**).

ADDRESSES: Information on joining the meeting by internet or telephone as well as the agenda and meeting materials will be available on the National NAGPRA Program website at <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1335/events.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melanie O'Brien, Designated Federal Officer, National Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Program (2253), National Park Service, telephone (202) 354-2201, or email nagpra_info@nps.gov.

Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established in section 8 of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA). Information about NAGPRA, the Committee, and Committee meetings is available on the National NAGPRA Program website at <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nagpra/review-committee.htm>.

The Committee is responsible for monitoring the NAGPRA inventory and identification process; reviewing and making findings related to the identity or cultural affiliation of cultural items, or the return of such items; facilitating the resolution of disputes; compiling an

inventory of culturally unidentifiable human remains that are in the possession or control of each Federal agency and museum, and recommending specific actions for developing a process for disposition of such human remains; consulting with Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations and museums on matters affecting such Tribes or organizations lying within the scope of work of the Committee; consulting with the Secretary of the Interior on the development of regulations to carry out NAGPRA; and making recommendations regarding future care of repatriated cultural items. The Committee's work is carried out during the course of meetings that are open to the public. Detailed minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection within 90 days of the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting may include a report from the National NAGPRA Program; the discussion of the Review Committee Report to Congress; subcommittee reports and discussion; and other topics related to the Committee's responsibilities under section 8 of NAGPRA. In addition, the agenda may include presentations by Indian Tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, Federal agencies, associations, and individuals; and public comment.

To submit a request or comment, see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Meeting Accessibility/Special Accommodations: The meeting is open to the public. Please make requests in advance for sign language interpreter services, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodations. We ask that you contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting to give the Department of the Interior sufficient time to process your request. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

Public Disclosure of Comments: Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. Ch. 10; 25 U.S.C. 3006.

Alma Ripps,

Chief, Office of Policy.

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National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion: U.S. Department of the Army, Collection From the Former Fort Vancouver Army Garrison, Vancouver, WA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Department of the Army has completed an inventory of human remains and has determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the human remains and Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations in this notice.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains in this notice may occur on or after October 16, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Send written requests for repatriation of the human remains in this notice to Ms. Mary Schmidt, Department of the Army, 101 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310–0101, email mary.e.schmidt37.civ@army.mil.

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 Department of the Army and additional information on the determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in its inventory or related records. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.

Abstract of Information Available

Human remains representing, at least, one individual have been identified. Records indicate that construction of the Fort Vancouver barracks in 1915 may have resulted in the removal of an undetermined number of burials and Native American remains. It is believed this Ancestor, a young woman, was removed during this time. The exact origin location is unclear, though according to records, portions of the east and west barracks overlapped with the

original Hudson's Bay Company cemetery. The U.S. Army managed the Fort until June 19, 1948, when it was declared a U.S. National Monument and a portion transferred to the National Park Service (NPS), though the Army maintained responsibility for the barracks/cemetery area. The remaining Army property at Fort Vancouver was transferred to NPS in 2012 under the BRAC Program. The only provenance information related to the Ancestor's arrival at the Oregon Historical Society, where she is currently located, was a handwritten piece of paper associated with the remains stating they were donated in 1948 by Dr. Alan Welch Smith. To the best of the Army's knowledge, the collection has not been treated with any hazardous substances.

Cultural Affiliation

Based on the information available and the results of consultation, cultural affiliation is clearly identified by the information available about the human remains described in this notice. This connection was made using information available to the agency, provided in consultation, and through recognition of the treaty rights accorded by the Willamette Valley Treaty (1855).

Determinations

The Department of the Army has determined that:

- The human remains described in this notice represent the physical remains of one individual of Native American ancestry.
- There is a connection between the human remains described in this notice and the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon and the Cowlitz Indian Tribe.

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains 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 described in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after October 16, 2026. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the Department of the Army must determine the most