

Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History
Repatriation Office Case Report Summaries
Alaska Region

Revised 2020

Hawaii	Native Hawaiian	1993	<p>REPORT ON FUNERARY OBJECTS IN THE NMNH ANTHROPOLOGY COLLECTIONS</p> <p>In 1993, the NMNH repatriated all funerary objects from Hawaii. In response to the request of the Hui Malama I Na Kupuna 'O Hawai'i Nei for information on Hawaiian funerary objects and related materials, the records of the NMNH Department of Anthropology archaeology and ethnographic collections were reviewed. More than 70 accessions include Hawaiian ethnographic items, containing 624 objects. The archaeology collection has three accessions of Hawaiian materials, with 12 objects. A total of 5 objects were found to be funerary objects, having been placed with burials as part of a funeral rite. When these objects were examined a partial human skeleton was found and was also repatriated.</p>
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Hawaii	Native Hawaiian	1990	HAWAIIAN HUMAN REMAINS In 1990 and 1991 the NMNH repatriated all of the human remains of Native Hawaiians, approximately 190 individuals. Discussions regarding the return of Native Hawaiian remains began in 1989, prior to the passage of the NMAI Act, and continued through arrangements for two separate repatriations.
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