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Northwest Coast	Modoc	1984	<p><b>REPATRIATION OF MODOC REMAINS</b></p> <p>Prior the enactment of the 1989 NMAI Act, the remains of five Modoc individuals were repatriated, by the Department of Anthropology, to descendants of the Modoc. The repatriation took place in 1984 after several years of consultation. The remains include those of four named individuals who had been executed in 1873 after a trial for their actions during the Modoc War: Kientpuash (Captain Jack), Schonschin, Boston Charlie, and Black Jim. The fifth individual is an unnamed woman who died of disease whose remains were obtained from the Lava Bed Battlefields in 1873. The skeletal remains of the five individuals were sent to the Army Medical Museum in Washington DC in 1873 and transferred to the Smithsonian Institution in 1898.</p>
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Northwest Coast	Chinook, Sahaptin, Yakama, Warm Springs, Wasco, Watlata, Wishram	1993	<p><b>UPPER AND LOWER MEMALOOSE ISLANDS AND ADJACENT AREAS OF THE MIDDLE COLUMBIA RIVER, OREGON AND WASHINGTON</b></p> <p>This report provides an inventory and assessment of the human remains in the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) recovered from Upper and Lower Memaloose Islands and adjacent sectors of the Middle Columbia River basin in Oregon and Washington. Documentation of the remains and associated funerary objects from this area was initiated in June 1992 in response to a request from the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation for the return of any culturally affiliated remains from Lower Memaloose Island and their ceded lands. In addition to the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, the other Native American community potentially affected by the findings of this report is the Confederated Tribes of the Yakama Indian Nation.</p> <p>A total of 72 catalogue entries in the Physical Anthropology division of the NMNH were identified as having come from the Middle Columbia River basin. Fifty-one of the catalogued sets of remains were recovered by Smithsonian curator Herbert Krieger during excavations conducted on Lower Memaloose Island in 1934. A single skull in a separate museum accession collected by a different person some 65 years earlier was also determined to have come from Lower Memaloose Island. Fourteen crania, each with its own catalogue entry, were obtained from Upper Memaloose Island by the Fred Harvey Company and sold to the National Museum in 1903. Another set of remains located in 1948 by the River Basin Survey project comes from an interior site in Crook County, Oregon. The remaining five catalogue entries consist of crania from the Middle Columbia River basin that were collected during the 19th century and initially sent to the Army Medical Museum. The provenience information on these remains is imprecise. Three of the skulls were recovered near the Cascades of the Columbia River; one was collected upstream from The Dalles on the south bank of Columbia River; and one was recovered by the Wilkes Expedition somewhere along the middle Columbia River. In compliance with Public Law 101-185, these 72 sets of remains were evaluated in terms of their probable cultural affiliation.</p> <p>The mid-Columbia River region, particularly in the vicinity of The Dalles, was a cultural crossroads where groups from two distinct culture areas, the Northwest Coast and the Plateau, converged. Native peoples living in this area at the time of</p>
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Northwest Coast	Chemakum, Klallam, Makah, Quileute	1994	<p><b>INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT OF HUMAN REMAINS FROM CLALLAM COUNTY, WASHINGTON IN THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY</b></p> <p>This report provides an inventory and assessment of the human remains in the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) from Clallam County, Washington. Documentation of the remains from this area was initiated in March 1993 in response to a request from the Makah for the return of five individuals. To insure that all remains potentially affiliated with the Makah were identified, all eight sets of remains from Clallam County were documented as part of their request. In addition to the Makah, the other two Native American groups potentially affected by the findings of this report are the Clallam and the Quileute, both of whom are also traditional residents of the northern Olympic Peninsula of Washington.</p> <p>A total of eight catalogue entries in the Physical Anthropology division of the NMNH were identified as having come from Clallam County, Washington. Five sets of remains were donated by James Swan, a school teacher and naturalist who lived in Neah Bay between 1862 and 1867. Two sets of remains were collected by Albert Reagan, another schoolteacher who taught at the Quileute Reservation in La Push, Washington between 1905 and 1909. The final set of remains was recovered by William Spencer, a military surgeon who was stationed at Fort Townsend from 1878 to 1881. There are no funerary objects in the NMNH associated with the human remains from Clallam County, Washington.</p> <p>Four of the five crania collected by Swan and one set of remains collected by Reagan, were identified as Makah in the museum records. The fifth cranium donated by Swan and the single cranium donated by Spencer were both identified as Clallam. The identity of the second set of remains collected by Reagan was given as Quileute.</p> <p>The provenience information for these remains is relatively precise. Two of the individuals identified as Makah were recovered from a cemetery near the old Spanish fort, two have the more general provenience of Neah Bay, and the final set of remains comes from a small island off the coast of La Push. The one Clallam individual collected by Swan was reportedly from New Dungeness, while the provenience of the other is given only as "west coast of Washington Territory." The remains identified as Quileute were recovered from the vicinity of the village of La Push.</p>
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Northwest Coast	Cathlamet, Chinook, Clackamas, Clatsop, Grande Ronde, Kalapuya, Siletz, Tillamook	1996	<p><b>INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT OF HUMAN REMAINS FROM NORTHWESTERN OREGON IN THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY</b></p> <p>This report provides an inventory and assessment of the human remains in the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) from northwestern Oregon. Documentation for this case was initiated in response to a request from the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon for the return of any human remains of Native American origin from their aboriginal territories. To insure that all remains potentially affiliated with the Grand Ronde Confederated Tribes were identified, all of the human remains in the NMNH from the northwestern quarter of Oregon were documented as part of this request. Besides the Grand Ronde, the other Native American group potentially affected by the findings of this report are the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians.</p> <p>A total of 64 sets of human skeletal remains are documented in this report. Eight sets of remains housed in the Physical Anthropology Division of the Department of Anthropology were identified as having come from northwestern Oregon. Three other sets of skeletal remains catalogued in the Archaeology Division were also found to have come from this region. In addition, 53 sets of remains found in an archaeological collection awaiting cataloguing at the Museum were determined to be from this area and are also treated here. Only 11 of the 64 sets of remains documented here have standard NMNH catalogue numbers; the rest are identified by field numbers or temporary numbers assigned by the Repatriation Office.</p> <p>Seven sets of remains come from fairly secure historic contexts. One individual was recovered in 1893 near the mouth of the Clackamas River. Associated funerary objects consisting of glass and shell beads, copper bracelets, and metal buttons date this burial to the early historic period. Another burial, possibly from the same area, was reportedly found in association with copper artifacts, suggesting that it, too, likely dates to the historic period. Two other sets of remains were collected in 1877 by a U.S. Army surgeon from a cemetery associated with a historic Clatsop village located east of modern day Astoria. Three sets of remains from the Mowick and Aldrich Point sites near Astoria also date to the historic period based on the archaeological evidence. The burials from these two sites also have associated funerary objects.</p>
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<p>Northwest Coast</p>	<p>Chehalis, Cowichan, Duwamish, Klallam, Nisqually, Puyallup, Quileute, Squaxin, Steilacoom, Suquamish</p>	<p>1996</p>	<p><b>INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT OF HUMAN REMAINS AND FUNERARY OBJECTS FROM THE PUGET SOUND AND GRAYS HARBOR REGIONS OF WASHINGTON STATE IN THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY</b></p> <p>This report provides an inventory and assessment of the human remains in the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) from Puget Sound and Grays Harbor, Washington. This report represents one of a series of comprehensive reports documenting collections of human remains and funerary objects curated by the NMNH. Documentation of the remains from this area was initiated in June 1992, in response to a request from the Tulalip Tribes of Washington for the return of culturally affiliated remains and funerary objects from their aboriginal territories. To ensure that all remains potentially affiliated with the Tulalip Tribes were identified, all Native American human remains from the Puget Sound and Grays Harbor in the NMNH were documented as part of this request. In addition to the Tulalip Tribes, other tribes potentially affected by the findings of this report are the Lower Chehalis, Klallam, Nisqually, Puyallup, Quileute, Squaxin, and Suquamish, all of which are federally recognized tribes. Other tribes affected by this report are the Duwamish and Steilacoom, both tribal entities in the state of Washington, and the Cowichan, a Canadian tribe residing on Vancouver Island.</p> <p>A total of twenty-seven sets of remains, representing twenty-eight individuals, in the Physical Anthropology Division of the NMNH are identified as having come from Puget Sound and Grays Harbor, Washington. The remains are enumerated as follows: eight sets of remains were collected from the area around Fort Townsend. Four sets of remains were collected from around Ft. Steilacoom. Five sets of remains were collected from the Grays Harbor region, two from Bruceport, while the remaining three have no specific locality data. One set of remains was collected from the Port Orchard region. Another set of remains was recovered from a farm near the mouth of the Nisqually River. The remaining eight sets of remains can only be identified as being from "Puget Sound." Six of these have no specific provenience data, while two are identified in museum records as coming from the Tulalip Agency, but no supporting data can be found for this assertion. A single unassociated funerary object was collected from Fox Island, just east of Tacoma, Washington.</p> <p>Based on the sum of the available evidence, which includes museum and archival records, information on aboriginal village locations, mortuary practices, local archaeology, the skeletal</p>
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Northwest Coast	<p>Chehalis, Chinook, Duwamish, Grande Ronde, Kikiallus, Klallam, Lummi, Makah, Muckleshoot, Nisqually, Nooksack, Puyallup, Quinault, Quileute, Samish, Sauk-Suiattle, Shoalwater Bay, Skokomish, Snohomish, Snoqualmie, Steilacoom Tribe, Squaxin Island, Stillaguamish, Suquamish, Swinomish, Tulalip, Umatilla,</p>	1997	<p><b>INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT OF THE HUMAN REMAINS FROM THE LOWER COLUMBIA RIVER VALLEY, OREGON AND WASHINGTON STATES, IN THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY</b></p> <p>This report provides an inventory and assessment of the human remains in the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) from the Lower Columbia River Valley, Oregon and Washington states. This report represents one of a set of comprehensive reports documenting collections of human remains and funerary objects curated by the NMNH. Documentation of the remains from this area was initiated in 1993, as part of the casework completed in response to a 1990 request from the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde Reservation for the return of culturally affiliated remains and funerary objects from their aboriginal territories. The Repatriation Office completed a case report titled "Inventory and Assessment of Human Remains and Funerary Objects from Northwestern Oregon in the NMNH" that provided information on that area of the country. This report provides data on the remaining individuals and funerary objects from the Lower Columbia River region.</p> <p>As the Lower Columbian River tribes are currently represented in several reservations and confederations, other Native American communities potentially affected by the findings of this report (in addition to the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde) are the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla, the Confederated Tribes of the Yakama, the Jamestown Klallam Tribe of Washington, the</p>

	<p>Upper Skagit, Warm Springs</p>	<p>Lower Elwha Tribal Community of the Lower Elwha Reservation (Klallam), the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, the Lummi Tribe, the Makah Tribe, the Muckleshoot Tribe, the Nisqually Tribe, the Nooksack Tribe, the Puyallup Tribe, the Quinault Tribe, the Quileute Tribe, the Samish Tribe, the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe, the Shoalwater Bay Tribe, the Upper Skagit Tribe, the Skokomish Tribe, the Snohomish Tribe, the Snoqualmie Tribe, the Squaxin Island Tribe, the Stillaguamish Tribe, the Suquamish Tribe, the Swinomish Tribe, and the Tulalip Tribes of the Tulalip Reservation, all of whom are federally recognized. Communities which may also have an interest in this report are the Chinook Indian Tribe, the Duwamish Tribe, the Kikiallus Tribe, and the Steilacoom Tribe.</p> <p>A total of thirty-seven catalogued sets of human remains, representing thirty-seven individuals, in the Physical Anthropology and Archaeology Divisions of the NMNH are identified as having come from the Lower Columbia River Valley of Washington and Oregon. The remains are enumerated as follows: sixteen sets of remains were collected by the Wilkes Exploring Expedition of 1838-1842, and represent the largest collection documented here. Nine sets of remains were collected from Government Island near Portland by C. H. and Dav Raffety. Four sets of remains were collected from the mouth of the Columbia by W. E. Whitehead, a physician employed by the U.S. Army. Three sets of remains were collected from unknown sites by John Evans, a geologist. The remaining five sets of remains represent isolated collections from five different individuals. Twenty-five of the sets of remains are identified by museum records as Chinook. The accession dates range from 1853 to 1884. The available data suggest that almost every set of remains was removed from an historic period burial, although this is sometimes based on circumstantial evidence. A single associated funerary object was found with a set of remains, and is also reported on here.</p> <p>The sum of the available evidence, which includes museum and archival records, information on aboriginal village locations, mortuary practices, local archaeology, the skeletal biology, and the recovery context of the remains, indicates that twenty-three sets of remains can be identified as Chinookans of the Lower Columbia River Valley. For these remains, consultation was initiated with the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Confederated Tribes of the Yakama, and the Quinault Tribe, all of which are federally recognized, and the Chinook Indian Tribe.</p>
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			<p>consultation and evidence bearing on the question of cultural affiliation is forthcoming.</p> <p><b>Repatriation Update</b> Of the skeletal remains discussed above, four sets of remains identified as Salishan/Sahaptian, four sets of remains identified as Columbia River Tribe(s), and one set of remains identified as Chinookan (division unknown) were repatriated to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community on September 15, 1999.</p>
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<p>Northwest Coast</p>	<p>Bannock, Nez Perce, Paiute, Umatilla, Warm Springs</p>	<p>1998</p>	<p><b>HUMAN REMAINS IN THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATED WITH THE BATTLE NEAR EMIGRANT SPRINGS, OREGON</b></p> <p>This report provides an inventory and assessment of the human remains associated with the battle near Emigrant Springs, Oregon in the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH). Documentation of the remains was undertaken as part of the inventory of human remains collected from the Columbia Plateau, initiated at the request of several Columbia Plateau Tribes and groups. Because the remains discussed in this report are named individuals, it was decided to document these remains in a separate report to expedite their return.</p> <p>One set of remains is identified in Museum records as pertaining to an individual identified as 'Charlie,' the brother-in-law of the Paiute Chief Egan. Charlie's remains were taken from the field following a battle between Umatilla warriors and the allied Paiutes and Bannocks, which took place on 14 and 15 July 1878.</p> <p>An additional set of remains identified as pertaining to Chief Egan, was also taken from the battlefield and sent to the Army Medical Museum (AMM). Because the remains exhibited a gunshot wound, they were cataloged at the AMM under the Pathological Section, and were thus retained by the AMM when that institution transferred its Anatomical Section collections to the Smithsonian in 1898 and 1904.</p> <p>Based on the sum of the available evidence, which includes information from the Museum's catalog and accession files, AMM records, archival records housed in the National Archives and the National Anthropological Archives, published historical accounts, oral histories, and physical anthropological evidence, the remains identified as Charlie are culturally affiliated with the Paiute, and were recommended for repatriation to his lineal descendants. The remains identified as Chief Egan were also available for return based on an agreement between the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) and the NMNH. It is recommended that Chief Egan's remains be repatriated to the senior lineal descendant of Chief Egan.</p> <p>Tribes potentially affected by the findings of this report are the Northern Paiute tribes, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Nez Perce Tribe, and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe.</p>
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Northwest Coast	Chinook, Clatsop, Tillamook	2005	<p><b>REASSESSMENT OF THE CULTURAL AFFILIATION OF HUMAN REMAINS AND FUNERARY OBJECTS FROM SEASIDE, OREGON AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION</b></p> <p>This report provides an assessment of the cultural affiliation of human remains from archaeological sites within the town of Seaside, Oregon in the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH). Initial documentation of these remains was undertaken in 1993 in response to a request from the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Reservation of Oregon for the return of all culturally affiliated human remains and funerary objects from their aboriginal territory, and a report was completed in 1996 titled Inventory and Assessment of Human Remains and Funerary Objects from Northwestern Oregon in the National Museum of Natural History. The 1996 report found the remains from the town of Seaside, Oregon to be culturally unaffiliated based on the extant information.</p> <p>The present report was initiated in response to a request from the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Reservation of Oregon to reevaluate the cultural affiliation of these remains in light of new evidence. The Repatriation Office agreed to investigate the matter further, and a multi-tribe consultation meeting was held in Gleneden, Oregon in 2000. Several archaeological experts from Oregon and tribal representatives from the area attended the consultation meeting, along with members of the Repatriation Office and Smithsonian Native American Repatriation Review Committee members and staff. The evidence presented there, and a more detailed review of archival and published information, were evaluated for this report.</p> <p>All of the remains and objects discussed in this report were collected by George Phebus, Jr. and Robert Drucker in their excavations of the Seaside, Oregon area in the 1960s and 1970s, and were accessioned in 1984. The majority of these remains, totaling a minimum of 31 individuals in 75 catalog numbers, were excavated from the Par-Tee site (35CLT20) in Seaside, Oregon. The majority of the remains were from burials that intruded into a shell midden that had been created between A.D. 300 and 1150. All the remains from the sites discussed in this report, however, date to the protohistoric or historic periods, immediately prior to known early historic Tillamook occupations and later historic Clatsop occupations in the area.</p>
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Northwest Coast	Wasco, Wishram, White Salmon, Hood River, Warm Springs, Yakama, Chinook	2006	<p><b>ASSESSMENT OF UNASSOCIATED FUNERARY OBJECTS FROM THE MEMALOOSE ISLANDS, WASHINGTON AND OREGON, AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION</b></p> <p>This report provides an inventory and assessment of objects from the Memaloose islands in Oregon and Washington, donated by Edward Spitzka in 1921, in the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), Smithsonian Institution (SI). The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation submitted a repatriation request in February of 1988 for the return of human remains from the Memaloose islands. After further consultation, funerary objects were also added to the request and both human remains and funerary objects from the Memaloose islands were evaluated in a 1993 Repatriation Office report. Sixty-six catalog numbers of human remains and 164 catalog numbers of funerary objects from Upper and Lower Memaloose islands were repatriated to the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation in 1994. In June of 1999, representatives of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Reservation visited the NMNH and viewed Chinookan objects listed with a provenience of "Mameluke Island" in the Ethnology Division of the NMNH collections. Based on the information they reviewed during this visit, they felt that the objects were likely from one of the Memaloose islands. They submitted a repatriation request in August 1999. The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Reservation have since withdrawn their repatriation request. However, these objects still fall within the original request from the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation.</p> <p>This report documents 13 objects from ten catalog numbers in the collection of the NMNH potentially from the Memaloose islands, Washington or Oregon. These objects are cataloged in the Ethnology Division of the NMNH collections. Although they were collected by Joseph Simms, they were donated to the NMNH by Edward Spitzka in 1921, after the death of the collector in 1920.</p> <p>Based on the available evidence, ten objects in eight catalog numbers were taken from one of the Memaloose islands on the Columbia River. These islands include Upper Memaloose Island in Klickitat County, Washington, and Lower Memaloose and Grave islands in Wasco County, Oregon. The Repatriation Office is unable to identify the specific island from which the objects were obtained. All three islands were used exclusively for burial purposes during the historic period. Furthermore, most of the</p>
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Northwest Coast	Chemakum, Klallam, Makah, Quileute	2007	<p><b>THE HUMAN REMAINS OF "CURLY HEAD JACK" IN THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION: REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REPATRIATION</b></p> <p>This report provides an inventory and assessment of human remains identified in museum records as those of "Curly Head Jack" in the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH). Documentation of the remains was undertaken as part of a response to a repatriation request for human remains potentially affiliated to the Klamath Tribes. At the request of the Klamath Tribes, the remains of Curly Head Jack are documented in this separate report in order to expedite their return.</p> <p>The report documents remains identified in museum records as "Curly Head Jack." Curly Head Jack died while imprisoned at the end of the Modoc War on June 8, 1873. In August 1873, his remains were sent to the Army Medical Museum (AMM) in Washington, D.C. by Assistant Surgeon Edwin Bentley. According to historical accounts, his death was by suicide. His postcranial remains were later transferred to the NMNH in 1898 under accession number 42109. No funerary objects or other cultural materials related to Curly Head Jack are present at the NMNH.</p> <p>Based on a preponderance of evidence, including documentation provided by the Klamath Tribes, historical records, osteological evidence, and museum archival documentation, we have determined that these remains are those of Curly Head Jack, a Modoc man who died in 1873. The museum has been unable to identify lineal descendants of Curly Head Jack. Representatives of the Klamath Tribes have found living family members of Curly Head Jack, but no lineal descendants. Under the repatriation legislation, lineal descendants have first priority for repatriation claims, followed by the culturally affiliated tribe. These remains are culturally affiliated to the Klamath Tribes of Oregon and the Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma and it is recommended that the remains be offered for return jointly to these tribes.</p> <p><b>Repatriation Update</b> The human remains of Curly Head Jack were repatriated to descendant family members on June 20, 2007, at the request of the Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma and the Klamath Tribes.</p>
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Northwest Coast	Klamath, Paiute, Modoc, Snake	2008	<p><b>INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT OF THE CULTURAL AFFILIATION OF HUMAN REMAINS AND FUNERARY OBJECTS POTENTIALLY AFFILIATED WITH THE KLAMATH TRIBES AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION</b></p> <p>This report provides an assessment of the cultural affiliation of human remains and funerary objects potentially affiliated with the Klamath Tribes of Oregon, in the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH). A request was received from the Klamath Tribes in 1998 for the return of culturally affiliated human remains and funerary objects. The Klamath Tribes represent Klamath, Modoc, and Yahooskin Band of Snake peoples.</p> <p>Records for archaeological and physical anthropology collections from Klamath, Modoc and Snake traditional territories were examined in order to identify human remains and funerary objects potentially affiliated with the Klamath Tribes. This report documents the remains of 12 individuals in 12 catalog numbers, as well as 36 unassociated funerary objects or object fragments in 21 catalog numbers.</p> <p>One individual was killed near Camp Lyon, Owyhee County, Idaho, in March of 1868. His remains were collected by Army Surgeon W. A. Cusick in 1868 and sent to the Army Medical Museum (AMM) in 1869. The remains were later transferred to the Smithsonian in 1904. The preponderance of evidence indicates that this individual was a member of one of the Northern Paiute Snake bands which participated in the Snake War of 1866-1868 and is, therefore, culturally affiliated with the Klamath Tribes, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, and the Burns Paiute Tribe of the Burns Paiute Indian Colony of Oregon. All three of these federally recognized tribes represent descendants of those bands. We recommend that the remains be offered jointly for return to the Klamath Tribes, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, and the Burns Paiute Tribe of the Burns Paiute Indian Colony of Oregon.</p> <p>Remains of a second individual, from Tule Lake, Siskiyou County, California, were sent to the Smithsonian in 1906 by Edward Preble, an employee of the Biological Survey of the Department of Agriculture. Tule Lake is within Modoc traditional territory and the remains likely date to the post-contact period. However, the method of burial is not consistent with Klamath or Modoc traditional practices and the individual does not exhibit cranial modification, a trait common to Modoc</p>
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		<p>the Burns Paiute Indian Colony of Oregon.</p> <p>Remains of four individuals identified as “Snake Indians” from an unknown location in “Idaho Territory” were sent to the AMM by U.S. Army Surgeon Clinton Wagner in November 1868. In 1898, they were transferred to the Smithsonian. Wagner’s identification and limited craniometric analyses support the identification of these individuals as Snake. The preponderance of evidence indicates that these four individuals were members of one of the Northern Paiute Snake bands who participated in the Snake War of 1866-1868 and are, therefore, culturally affiliated with the Klamath Tribes, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, and the Burns Paiute Tribe of the Burns Paiute Indian Colony of Oregon. All three of these federally recognized tribes represent descendants of those bands. We recommend that the remains be offered jointly for return to the Klamath Tribes, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, and the Burns Paiute Tribe of the Burns Paiute Indian Colony of Oregon.</p> <p>The remains of a tenth individual were collected by David Turner from Langell Valley, Klamath County, Oregon and donated to the Smithsonian by Dr. Truman Michaelson in 1926.</p> <p>Although Langell Valley is within Modoc traditional territory, no information is available about the antiquity of these remains. Based on limited craniometric comparisons of this individual to a small number of other Northern Paiute, Snake, Southern Paiute, Shoshone, and Modoc individuals, there is a possibility that this person is Northern Paiute. Many different subdivisions of Northern Paiute peoples occupied a wide area of the western part of the Great Basin in California, Nevada, Oregon, and Idaho (Stewart 1938:405). The craniometric comparative evidence is not strong enough on its own to merit the identification of cultural affiliation. No additional information is available to corroborate this identification or identify the earlier group who inhabited the Langell Valley area prehistorically. Given the extant information, there is not a preponderance of evidence for cultural affiliation of these remains. We recommend that the remains be retained by the NMNH at this time.</p> <p>In 1940, remains of an eleventh individual identified only as a “Flathead Indian” from Oregon were donated to the Smithsonian by the Geological Museum of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point when that Museum closed. There is no further information available about the provenience or affiliation of this individual. Many groups, including the Klamath, practiced cranial modification historically in Oregon.</p>
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Northwest Coast	Rogue River, Tolowa, Tututni, Siletz, Grand Ronde, Galice Creek, Applegate River, Shasta Costa, Upper Coquille, Upper Umpqua, Chetco, Takelma, Shasta	2010	<p><b>INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT OF HUMAN REMAINS FROM THE ROGUE RIVER AREA OF OREGON IN THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION</b></p> <p>This report was initiated in response to a request from the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon for the return of culturally affiliated human remains. An internal review of records indicated that remains sent from Port Orford, Curry County, Oregon of a person killed during the Rogue River War were not addressed in the museum’s previous response to the tribe’s 1993 repatriation request. Neither the tribe nor the museum had previously recognized the remains as potentially affiliated, probably because the database catalog information for the NMNH does not mention the Rogue River War and only lists Port Orford, Oregon as the provenience. Upon closer examination of the associated records, the remains are not from Port Orford, but were only sent to the museum from there in 1859 by R. W. Dunbar. The individual was purportedly killed in 1856 during the Rogue River War in a battle on or near the Rogue River. It is possible that this battle was the Gold Beach Uprising of February 23, 1856, since the collector was present at this encounter and wrote about it to the Superintendent of Indian Affairs at the time. However, it is also possible that this individual was killed at another battle or encounter on the Rogue River.</p> <p>This report documents the human remains of a female individual in the NMNH killed during the Rogue River War. No funerary objects were identified in the collections of the NMNH as associated with this individual.</p> <p>Survivors of the Rogue River War were removed to the Grand Ronde and Siletz reservations. Human remains from the Rogue River War have therefore been culturally affiliated with the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon. It is recommended that these remains be offered for repatriation jointly to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon.</p>
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Northwest Coast	Chinook	2010	<p><b>INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT OF HUMAN REMAINS AND FUNERARY OBJECTS FROM SULLIVANS ISLAND SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON, IN THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION</b></p> <p>This report summarizes available information bearing on the cultural affiliation and context of human remains and funerary objects from Sullivans Island in Washington. The information includes ethnological, ethno-historical, archaeological, historical, and linguistic evidence that is relevant to determining the cultural affiliation of the objects in question and in evaluating whether the objects are funerary. Sullivan’s Island was a burial island, a Memaloose island, of which there are several in the Columbia River. The island lies close to the Washington bank of the Columbia near the Cascades. Smithsonian archaeologist Herbert Krieger excavated the island in 1934 as part of a series of archaeological investigations of sites threatened by construction of the Bonneville dam. Krieger never published his findings. The report documents the fragmentary remains of a minimum of seven individuals in three catalogue numbers, along with very small fragments of bone that were fused with melted glass beads, and 75,788 associated and unassociated funerary objects in the collections of the NMNH.</p> <p>The objects were contained within 222 catalogue numbers and 2,874 electronic records. Of the objects, 56,343 were glass trade beads. These objects provide a striking profile of the abundance of trade materials that traveled along the Columbia River, the region’s great thoroughfare. Dating from the late 1700s to the late 1800s, the Sullivans Island collection includes over 243 copper pendants, 201 copper bracelets, copper rings, tubular copper beads, historic ceramics, pipes, kettles, trade cloth, thimbles, Northwest Coast tokens, 1,095 historic period buttons, including phoenix buttons, Chinese, British and Russian coins, gun plates, and, interestingly, a piece of brass coffin hardware bearing a winged angel motif. This object had been perforated and, based on the extensive amount of use wear, appears to have been worn as a pendant for some time before coming full cycle and reassuming its original identity as a funerary item.</p> <p>These materials represent the wealth of a people who controlled a significant passage along the Columbia River and who lived at one of the river’s great salmon fisheries known as the Cascades. The objects here tell the story of the Chinookan inhabitants of the Cascades, of their skill at trading, and they also tell a harder story of the epidemics that swept through the region and killed many of the inhabitants.</p>
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Northwest Coast	Grand Ronde Reservation of Oregon and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon	2017	<p><b>ADDENDUM: REASSESSMENT OF THE CULTURAL AFFILIATION OF HUMAN REMAINS AND FUNERARY OBJECTS FROM SEASIDE, OREGON AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION</b></p> <p>This addendum reports on additional human remains identified in 2015 in faunal collections from the Par-Tee site, and adds these to the human remains of culturally affiliated individuals previously offered for repatriation to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Reservation of Oregon and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon. Two new catalog numbers of human remains from the Par-Tee site are added to the total number of catalog numbers offered for repatriation. The two new catalog numbers represent isolated, unassociated human skeletal elements that do not increase the total estimate of the minimum number of individuals present for the site. The addition of two catalog numbers raises the total number of human remains from the Par-Tee site to 77 catalog numbers representing 31 individuals which are recommended for repatriation to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Reservation of Oregon and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon. The non-federally recognized Chinook Indian Tribe of Washington has asked to be</p>

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