

Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP)

Inadvertent Discovery of Archaeological Resources:

Should archaeological resources (see examples below) be observed during project activities, all work should cease within a 40 ft buffer around the discovery, equipment should be moved away and the area should be secured. The Lummi Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office (LNTHPO) should be contacted immediately in order to help assess the situation and to determine how to preserve the resource(s). Project activities should not resume within the 40 ft buffer until approval has been given by the LNTHPO.

Compliance with all applicable laws pertaining to archaeological resources and human remains is required. For projects on the Lummi Reservation, see the Lummi Nation Code of Laws- Title 40 (Cultural Resources Preservation Code). Prohibited acts as outlined in Title 40 can result in criminal penalties or civil assessments (40.07.020; 40.07.030).

Inadvertent Discovery of Human Remains:

If human remains are encountered during project activities, all work should cease within a 40 ft buffer around the remains. The human remains should be treated with respect at all times and be protected from further disturbance. The on-site supervisor should immediately call the LNTHPO. The LNTHPO will assess the situation and contact Lummi Law and Order. If the remains are determined to be ancient, then LNTHPO will take the lead on managing the remains. If the remains are not ancient, then Lummi Law and Order and the County Medical Examiner will take jurisdiction over the remains. Project activities should not resume within the 40 ft buffer until approval has been given by the LNTHPO.

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Archaeological resources may include but are not limited to:

- Shell midden- Dark brown to black sediment with shell, charcoal, animal bones, and stone or bone tools (Figure 1 and Figure 2).
- Non natural sediments or stone arrangements that appear to have been placed by humans (e.g. hearth features) (Figure 3).
- Stone, bone, shell or antler tools (e.g. wedges, projectile points, fishing tools, axes, cutting tools, grinding stones) (Figure 4 and Figure 5).
- Basketry, or other woven plant fibers.
- Wood alignments.
- Historic items older than 50 years, such as bottle or can dumps, bricks, stoneware, utensils, logging or farming equipment (Figure 6).



Figure 1: shell midden.



Figure 2: Animal bone (mammal, bird and fish) from an archaeological context.



Figure 3: Buried hearth feature.



Figure 4: Examples of stone artifacts.



Figure 5: Examples of bone and antler artifacts.



Figure 6: Examples of historic artifacts.