

Alaska Coastal Cultural Resource Job Aid

It is a privilege to live and work on these lands stewarded by Alaska Native people since time immemorial

What are cultural resources?

Objects, places, traditions, and beliefs that are significant to a group of people and form a collective cultural identity. Cultural resources include objects/artifacts made of stone, ceramic, bone, metal, glass, or wood, or buildings, structures, cemeteries, monuments, shipwrecks, railroads, trails, and subsistence areas.

There are federal and state laws protecting cultural resources.

Treat cultural resources with respect and help protect them.

IMPORTANT!

If you observe bone or possible human remains, immediately notify your Supervisor/Authorized Official (AO) or Historic Property Specialist (HPS).



Scan here – Access a short tutorial on how to use this form, and other resources here.



Know where you are – Record GPS coordinates and nearby permanent landmarks.



Make a call – An AO or Incident HPS may call the State Historic Preservation Office at (907) 269-8700 for assistance.



Take some notes – Describe what you see. Consider size, extent, location, condition, and threats.



Do not disturb – Do not collect or move anything. Doing so can risk damaging an artifact or its historic integrity.



Take a photo – Photograph the location and any artifacts using the provided scale and north arrow.

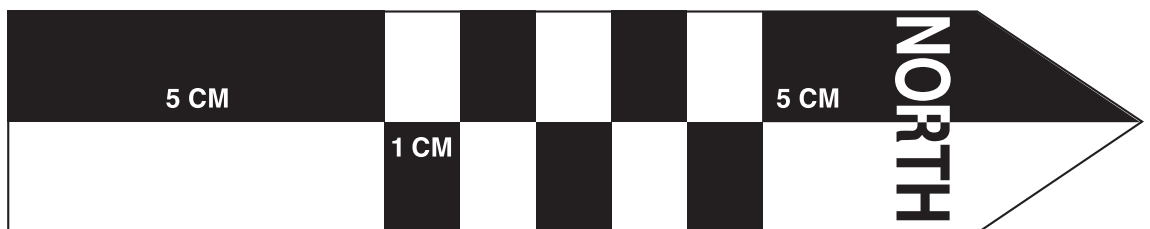
Incident _____ Your name _____

AO/HPS Name, Phone _____ Date _____

Lat/Long _____

Observations (attach pages if necessary) _____

Place this scale and north arrow in your photos.



Examples of Coastal Cultural Resources

Near water and shore



Pilings, shipwrecks/watercraft, potentially-historic marine debris, petroglyphs

Markers and monuments



Totems, graves/cemeteries, cairns, signposts, monuments

Surface/eroding



Concentrations of bone, stone, wood, metal tools/artifacts, pottery, glass, rock rings, house pits/depressions

Objects and artifacts



Stone, bone, wood, metal tools and artifacts, historic cans/housewares, beads, pottery/porcelain

Buildings and structures



Cabins, churches, trails, corrals, railroad tracks, totems, abandoned buildings, caches

Other



Mining and military

Subsistence

Paleontology/Fossils



ALL PHOTOGRAPHS COURTESY OF COOPERATING AGENCIES