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How to Repatriate to the K'ómoks First Nation

The K'ómoks First Nation (KFN) is happy to accept artifacts found within our core traditional territory – from Oyster River in the north to Deep Bay in the south, including Hornby and Denman Islands.

While we do not encourage the public to remove these special items from their original locations, KFN still encourages and accepts repatriations of artifacts that were moved in the past.

If you are interested in repatriating K'ómoks' artifacts or cultural materials, please contact us to make an appointment. Appointments are needed to ensure we have space to safeguard the items and time to properly document them.

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K'ómoks First Nation

Repatriation:
Why it Matters



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What is Repatriation?

Repatriation is the return of archaeological artifacts or cultural belongings to their Nation or place of origin.

For KFN, repatriation is important because it allows us to learn more about our Ancestors and cultural traditions.

How we can learn from artifacts

Physical evidence of Indigenous presence within KFN traditional territory paints a picture of life before European contact.

When recorded, documented and studied, artifacts can tell us:

- How old our ancestral village sites are
- How our cultural practices have changed over time
- What our Ancestors ate
- How tools were used
- How specific sites were used
- Differences in cultural practices between communities
- And so much more!

Artifacts in Situ

An artifact's location is just as important as the artifact itself. We can learn the most about our cultural heritage from artifacts that have not been removed from their final resting places.

If you find an artifact, please do not move it. We ask that you take a photo of the artifact, note your GPS coordinates, and email them to the KFN archaeologists. We can record the site and document the artifact to maximize our learning.



[Pentlatch Barbed Harpoon]

Reconciliation and Revitalization

Repatriation is a meaningful act of reconciliation that helps repair cultural harms of colonialism and builds relationships between communities.

Repatriation also offers opportunities for cultural revitalization for our members. Building our understanding of our Ancestors' lives and traditions allows us to strengthen those practices within the KFN community.



[Pentlatch Artifacts at the Denman Museum & Archives]