# The Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation



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## State Historic Preservation Office(r)

Established by the federal 1966 Historic Preservation Act

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## DAHP's Mission

To Preserve and Protect the

Cultural Resources of Washington State

For Future Generations

RCW 27.34.200





# **DAHP** regulates

- Archaeological sites & excavations (RCW 27.53 & WAC 25-48)
- Indian Graves & excavation (RCW 27.44)
- Care and maintenance of abandoned Cemeteries (RCW 68.60)
- Inadvertent discoveries of human remains that are not crime scenes (68.60 & 27.44)

## RCWs 27.53 & 27.44

- RCW 27.53: It is unlawful for any person or entity to knowingly and willfully alter or excavate any historic or prehistoric archaeological resource or site without a permit from DAHP
- RCW 27.44: INDIAN GRAVES AND RECORDS--burial sites, cairns, and glyptic markings located on public and private land are to be protected.

### Common archaeological resources along shorelines



#### Shell Midden

### **Glyptic Records**



Culturally Modified Tree (CMT)- historic period, Gifford Pinchot NF Pictograph & Petroglyph Klickitat County, Columbia River





Culturally Modified Tree (CMT), Gifford Pinchot NF

### Fish weirs



Mud Bay, Thurston County

# Other types of archaeological resources near shorelines

- # Historic ferries and ferry landings
- Sites associated with timber extraction: docks, mills, storage facilities
- Fish processing sites (canneries)
- Ø Military Installations
- Railroads, railroad camps
- Fur trade
- Section Exploration (i.e. Lewis and Clark)
- Irrigation features
- And much, much, more.

# Submerged Resources

- Shipwrecks can be in shoreline zone but also much deeper waters
- Other submerged archaeological resources:



Galloping Gertie 1940



Galloping Gertie 2006

### Good places for cultural resources

Behind bulkheads, contemporary and old shorelines, buried shorelines (under fill), river deltas, confluences of creeks and rivers, confluences of creeks and Puget Sound, sandspits, wetland perimeters....



## How does a property owner know they have a site or cemetery on their property?

#### By Accident (not preferred)



"My biggest concern is the costs."

Prior to the discovery of the bones, the project was expected to cost about \$2.8 million. Parker didn't know how delay might affect the overall cost of the

in connection with the project con-

The bones were turned into Jefferson County Sheriff's Office early

tracted by the Jefferson County

Public Utility District.

project, which was originally expected to be completed in the fall.

TURN TO REMAINS/A5

### Instead...

- Require surveys/archaeological work before the projects starts; SMA and SEPA allow local governments (lead agencies) to prevent damage to sites during development by requiring surveys and data gathering in advance of the project
- Local governments have most authority in local permitting process or administering the SEPA or SMP review
  - DAHP makes recommendations to local governments when they seek our opinion
  - State laws only provide for after-the-fact punishment, not preconstruction protocols

### We recommend...

- Building archaeological consideration into normal permitting and planning process, as with other environmental factors
- Include *clear timelines* so all parties know what is expected and how long process will take
- Making the process as straightforward as possible, giving certainty to the development community
- Ensuring the process conforms with RCW 27.53, 27.44 & cemetery statutes

# Planning Resources from DAHP

• We keep the data:

- National Register Listed Properties
- Archaeological sites and Cemeteries
  - Survey reports
- GIS based maps of known sites and historic properties
- GIS based survey layers
- WISAARD online <u>www.dahp.wa.gov</u>

# Call DAHP anytime for questions, concerns, etc.

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