

Lecture

Tlingit relationships with sea otters: What can we learn from ethnozoarchaeology?

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The Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 authorizes any Alaska Native who resides in coastal Alaska to harvest sea otters for the purpose of subsistence provided that the harvest is not wasteful. Some are seeking to define “traditional” Tlingit use of sea otters as not only utilizing their pelts, but as consuming them as food: in their view both of these conditions have to be met before Alaska Natives would be entitled to harvest sea otters. This project investigates the zooarchaeological evidence as to whether Tlingit ancestors consumed sea otters as food. Madonna L. Moss is professor of anthropological archaeology at the University of Oregon.