

The Law

What is ARPA?

What is NAGPRA?

What is the history of the law? What is the intent of the law?

What is the procedure to follow when human remains are found?

Which federal agency is in charge of enforcing the law?

Who is a Native American according to NAGPRA?

What is cultural affiliation and how is it determined?

What are culturally unidentifiable remains, and what happens to them?

How was the situation handled in the case of remains found on Prince of Wales Island, Alaska?

What is the legal outcome of the case as it stands today? What evidence/information was used to come to this decision?

Biological Data

Who is a Native American biologically?

What is anthropometric analysis?

What are anthropometric studies saying about early remains?

What is caucasoid?

How do studies on modern people relate to ancient people?

What can DNA studies tell us about Kennewick Man's cultural affiliation?

How does the information about Kennewick Man fit with other Paleoindian skeletal remains such as Buhl woman, Spirit Cave Man, Wizards Beach Man?

Other Data (used to determine cultural affiliation)

What are the different types of data used to determine cultural affiliation?

How does each of these different types of data tell us about cultural affiliation?

What do the studies on these data say about cultural affiliation of Kennewick Man?

How does the information about Kennewick Man fit with other Paleoindian skeletal remains such as Buhl woman and Spirit Cave Man? How were they affiliated?

The Scientists

Who are the scientists involved in the lawsuit?

What is their argument about their right to study the remains?

How do they want to study the remains?

What do they hope to learn from the remains? Have these tests already been done?

What is the stance of the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) on NAGPRA and the decisions made during the Kennewick Man case? Is the SAAs view similar or different from the scientists involved in the case?

The Native Americans

Which tribes are involved in the lawsuit?

What is their role in the lawsuit?

What is their claim on the remains?

What is each tribe's stance on the fate of the remains?

Why is it important to the tribes that these remains be repatriated?

The Army Corps of Engineers/Asatru

What is their role in this lawsuit?

What is their mission as a Federal agency?

Why did they rebury the site?

Who is the Asatru Folk Assembly?

What is their claim on the remains?

What evidence is there for early migration from Europe to North America?