

A few General Cultural Resource related Definitions and Acronyms (rev 6/24/15)

-these definitions have been gathered from various sources and are provided only for a general understanding and not for accuracy.

Archaeology = the study of human cultures through the recovery, documentation, and analysis of material remains and environmental data

An **Archaeological site** means a geographic locality that contains archaeological objects and the contextual associations of the archaeological objects with each other or biotic or geological remains or deposits. ORS 358.905 (c) (A)

Archaeological sites are acknowledged to be a finite, irreplaceable and nonrenewable cultural resource, and are an intrinsic part of the cultural heritage of the people of the state.

Archaeological object is 1) at least 75 years old, 2) is part of the physical record of an indigenous or other culture found in the state or waters of the state, and 3) is material remains of past human life or activity that are of archaeological significance. (Oregon)

Artifact = any object made or modified by a human culture, individual or group

Burial means any natural or prepared physical location whether originally below, on or above the surface of the earth, into which, as a part of a death rite or death ceremony of a culture, human remains were deposited. ORS 358.905 (e)

DAHP = Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation - <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/>

Funerary objects means any artifacts or objects that, as part of a death rite or ceremony of a culture, are reasonably believed to have been placed with individual human remains either at the time of death or later. ORS 358.905 (f)

GEO 0505 = Governor's [Executive Order 0505 \(GEO 05-05\)](#)

GOIA = Governor's Office of Indian Affairs in Washington state

Ground Disturbing Activity is a disturbance to the soil such that an archaeological object could be damaged or the contextual integrity of an archaeological site compromised. (Oregon)

Historic Structures – A building or other structure (such as a bridge, mine, canal, ship, highway or locomotive) that is significant because of its link to an important period in the past.

Human Remains means the physical remains of a human body, including, but not limited to, bones, teeth, hair, ashes or mummified or otherwise preserved soft tissues of an individual. ORS 358.905

National Historic Preservation Act = Federal Environmental law

SEPA = State Environmental Policy Act = State Environmental law

Section 106 = Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

SHPO = State Historic Preservation Officer

Tribal Consultation = Consultation means the process of seeking, discussing, and considering the views of other participants -Each Tribe is a sovereign nation and has its own definition of appropriate consultation. <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/tribal-contact-information>

UDP or IDP = Unanticipated Discovery Plan or Inadvertent Discovery Plan

Undertakings = An activity

WISAARD (Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data)
= DAHP's records database.

WISAARD -secure side = DAHP has developed an on-line database which gives consultants access to thousands of cultural resource reports
-- <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/the-secure-side-of-wisaard>

WISAARD -Publically searchable = variety of information available for over 1800 registered historical sites, and over 300,000 inventoried sites-- <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/learn-and-research/find-a-historic-place>

Some Federal Environmental Laws.

- The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended
- The National Environmental Protection Act of 1969
- The Archeological and Historic Protection Act of 1974
- The Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979
- The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act