

Basic Detail Report



Fish-Hook

Date

1800-1850

Medium

Bone, wood, sinew

Description

Fish hook formed of bone barbs bound with sinew to a long thin wooden shaft. Fishing implements of the Arctic usually had multiple puncture points to assist in hunting fast-moving fish. A hook like this would probably have been used for ice-fishing in more eastern Canada, where fishing with nets was uncommon. This fish hook appears very sharp and distinctly weapon-like, but most fish hooks were not sharp, being made solely to attract fish with a decoy so that a hunter could then spear his food. Straits of Juan de Fuca.

Dimensions

Object/Work: 420 x 60 mm