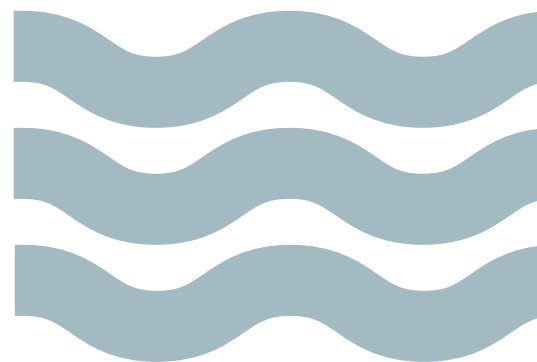


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WATERS OF ALASKA



What weather and animals might you expect to see traveling on Northern waters? Sketch or write what you imagine seeing.

A large empty rectangular box provided for sketching or writing a response to the question above.

*Design your ideal vessel for navigating Northern waters.
Get creative and draw a new style of watercraft.*

TERMS



Alaska Natives

Indigenous peoples of Alaska, often defined by language group

Qayak

Also known as a kayak; a long narrow boat propelled by a double-bladed paddle

Baidarka

Russian term for qayak; commonly used term in the Aleutian Islands

Harvest

Use of wild, renewable resources from the land by individuals, families and communities for food, shelter, fuel and other essential needs that are fundamental to a way of life

Name resources found in Alaska.

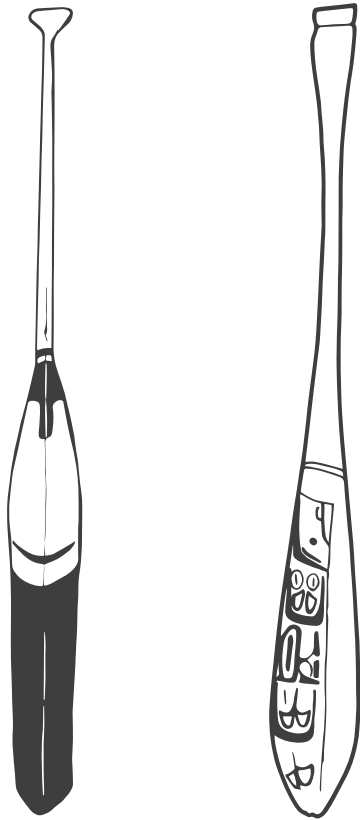
What resources are utilized for Alaska Native vessels?



Native Whaling Boat at Edge of Ice Pack-Bering Straits-Dobbs. "Dobbs, E.G. Leffeldt Collection; Anchorage Museum, B1998.016.15" (detail)

Design a paddle. What special features might you add to your design?

PADDLES: *ANGUARUN* AND *DUWAAY*

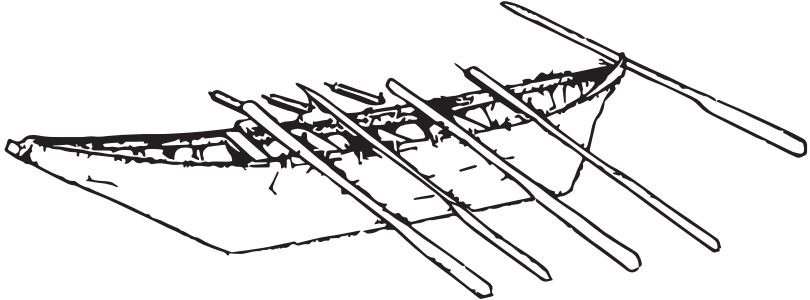


A paddle is used to propel and steer through the waters. It is held with two hands and completely supported by the paddler, unlike an oar that is supported by the boat.

The *anguarun* (Yup'ik term for "single-bladed paddle") on the left is of Yup'ik design, with a crescent moon.

The *duwaay* (Tsimshian term for "paddle") on the right is of Tsimshian design, with painted clan crests.

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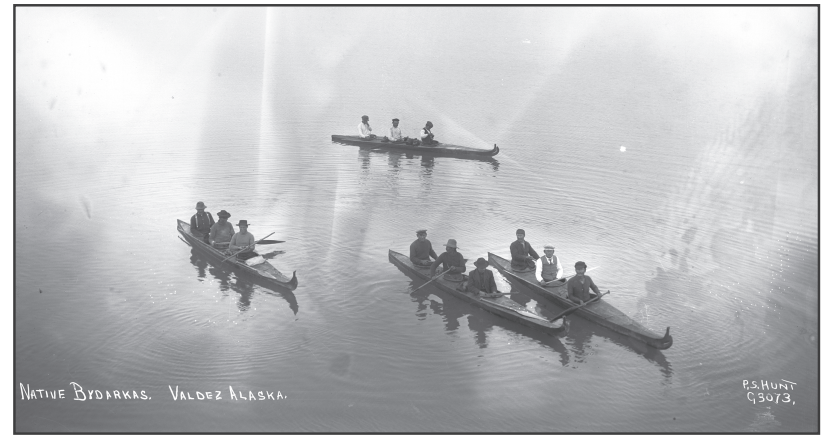


Niġaalaġ

- Angyak*** Sugpiaq term for a large open boat used for hunting
- Baidar*** Russian term for an open skin boat or canvas boat
- Niġaalaġ*** Unangaġ term for an open skin boat or canvas boat; also known as *baidar* in Russian; traditionally made by covering a driftwood frame with sea lion skins
- Umiaq*** Iñupiaq term for an open skin boat; traditionally made by covering a driftwood frame with sea lion skins
- Sinew*** A tendon or ligament; often treated and used as a binding or sewing thread

Look closely and sketch an open-canvas boat.

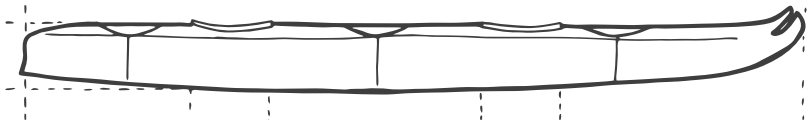
Two-hatch kayaks are an important part of Unangaʼ life—initially used for carrying cargo or children and later adapted by Russian fur traders. Two-hatch kayaks became a popular hunting vessel during Russia's colonization of the Aleutian Islands. The two-hatch kayak design allowed for the stern paddler to maintain stability while the forward paddler could carry a rifle to hunt for seals.



[top] "Native Sea Otter Fleet Unga" Crary-Henderson Collection; Anchorage Museum, Gift of Ken Hinchey, B1962.001.776 (detail)

[bottom] "Native Baidarkas Valdez, Alaska P.S. Hunt" P.S. Hunt; Crary-Henderson Collection; Anchorage Museum, Gift of Ken Hinchey, B1962.001A.375 (detail)

TERMS



Uluḡtaḡ

Split Bow

A split design on the bow of a kayak that commonly appears in Unangaḡ and Sugpiaq kayaks; also known as a bifurcated bow

Iqyaḡ

Unangaḡ term for a single-hatch kayak

Uluḡtaḡ

Unangaḡ term for a double-hatch kayak

Uluxtadaḡ

Unangaḡ term for a three-hatch kayak

Paitaalek

Sugpiaq term for a three-hatch kayak

TERMS



Situḡautit

Xutl T'otr'edr

Deg Xinag Athabascan term for a dragging sled or toboggan

Khwtl

Lower Tanana Athabascan term for a sled

Uniat

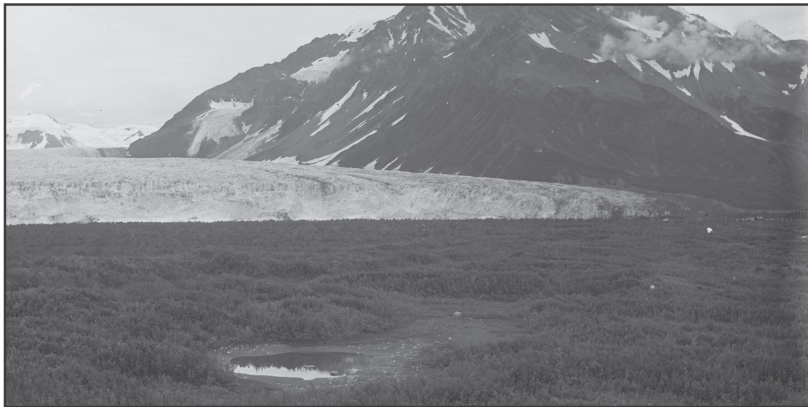
Qawiaraq Iñupiaq term for a sled

Situḡautit

Bering Strait Iñupiaq term for a sled

Toboggan

A long narrow sled used for coasting downhill over snow or ice



[top] Joan Townsend Photographs, Anchorage Museum, B2013.066.258 (detail)
[bottom left] Crary-Henderson Collection, Anchorage Museum, Gift of Ken Hinchey, B1962.001.422 (detail)



[bottom right] Eric A. Hegg, Crary-Henderson Collection, Anchorage Museum, Gift of Ken Hinchey, B1962.001.423 (detail)