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18 – 19 TH CENTURY

THESE FOSSIL BONE CLUBS WERE USED LIKE A BRAINING STONE TO DISPATCH A CAUGHT SMALL SEAL AND TO AVOID MAKING UNNECESSARY HOLES IN THE USEFUL SKIN . THEY EXUDE 'SEALNESS' ; AS WITH OTHER ELEMENTS OF ESKIMO

HUNTING TECHNOLOGY THEY REFLECT THE STRONGLY ROOTED BELIEF AMONG THE BERING SEA PEOPLE THAT EFFECTIVENESS IN HUNTING REQUIRES A COMBINATION OF CRAFTSMANSHIP AND TECHNOLOGY WITH THE USE OF SPIRITUALLY COMPATIBLE MATERIALS . BEAUTIFUL TOOLS AND WEAPONS PLEASED THE 'INUAS'