

Information regarding purchase and export of Alaska Native Art handicrafts

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Vendors in Alaska sell a number of different handicrafts that are regulated under domestic and international law (including the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species). The species involved include marine mammals, bears, furbearers, and birds *inter alia*.

Foreign delegates and observers considering purchase of souvenirs for export in personal baggage are encouraged to consult the following website for detailed information. The website lists the species and specimens covered by various U.S. and international statutes and the respective permitting requirements:

<http://www.dced.state.ak.us/oed/nag/usingtheguide.htm>

Attendees at IWC/59 with specific questions or who require more information can contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Import/Export Office in Anchorage at (907) 271-6198.