

Basic Detail Report



Hook with Float

Date

1895-1901

Medium

wood, iron, root or bark (?), spruce root, rope, cord

Description

hook with float, for fishing. hook is made from a single piece of iron, rectangular to elliptical in cross section, bent into a u shape with one end tapering to a point and bent diagonally into centre of hook to within 1.5cm of other side which is curved back slightly at tapering pointed tip. crack in side of hook 11.3cm from barbed tip is wrapped with a strip of split spruce root. another strip of split spruce root is wrapped around same side of hook 6cm from barbed tip. strip of split spruce root lashes leader made of two strands of root or bark twisted together, to

opposite side of hook 1.7cm from curved back tip. strands are left untwisted at end of leader and a strip of split spruce root is wrapped around them. leader is curved around beside opposite side of hook and a float carved in the shape of an aquatic bird (?) from a single piece of wood, stained dark brown. bird is carved in floating position with rounded head tapering to pointed beak with incised line marking opening of beak on each side. lenticular shaped body tapers to short cylindrical tail. paired holes are drilled through centre of birds back and a piece of rope is reeved through holes, knotted at birds belly, looped through a cord (with one strand dyed red) knotted to barbed side of hook, then wrapped around leader and knotted. a piece of rope is wrapped three times around junction of tail and body and then wrapped several times around leader and knotted. number "885" is printed in black ink on birds belly. Newcombes files states it was collected in Skedans, but Sapirs notes states it was collected in Skidegate

Dimensions

Other: 7.6 × 9.2 cm (3 × 3 5/8 in.) Other: 41.7 cm (16 7/16 in.) Other: 11.5 × 12.9 cm (4 1/2 × 5 1/16 in.)