

Ipiutak ivory amulet in the form of a seal, 8.8 cm



Bruce White photo



This carving of a seal has engraved decoration in the form of vertebrae in the midline on the dorsal surface, a herring bone pattern indicating ribs, front flippers with representation of scapulae and long bones, and terminated with finger-like bones. There are two suspension slots on the ventral surface of the neck.

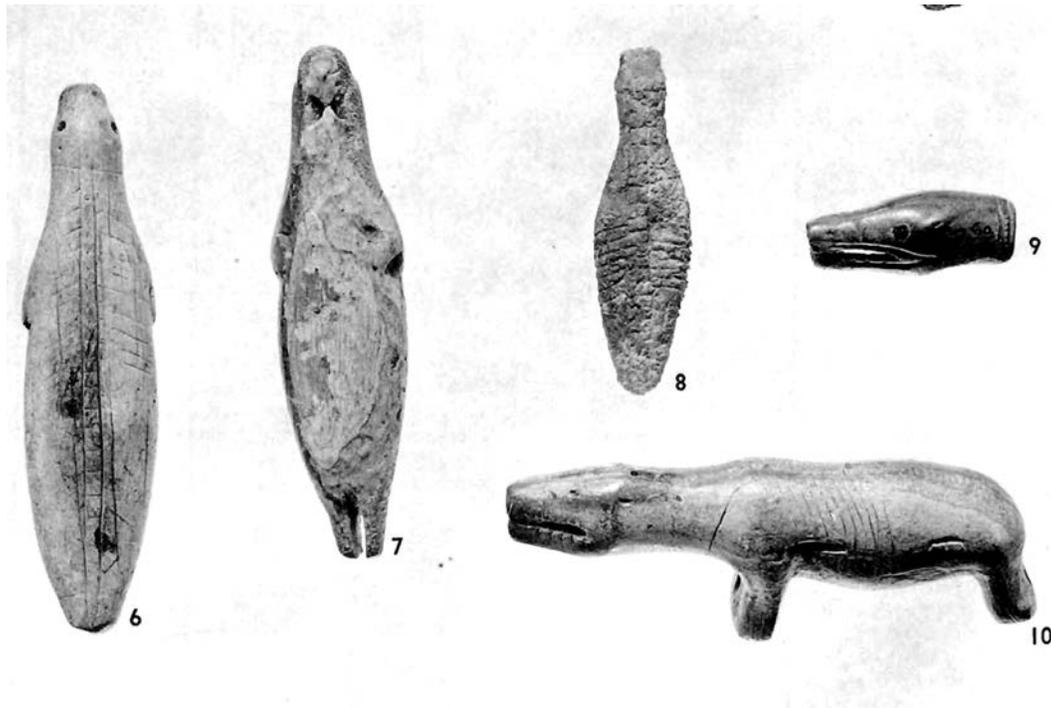
This seal is almost identical in form and decoration to one excavated at the Point Hope Ipiutak site (Larsen and Rainey, 1948, Plate 52, No. 6), and is also similar to their numbers 7 and 8 and to the Ipiutak ivory seal shown in Larsen, 2001, Plate 23-5.



Literature:

Larsen, H. (2001): *Deering - A Men's House from Seward Peninsula, Alaska*, Danish National Museum, Copenhagen.

Larsen, H. and Rainey, F. (1948): *Ipiutak and the Arctic Whale Hunting Culture*, Anthropological Papers of the American Museum of Natural History, New York.



From Larsen and Rainey, 1948, Plate 52