

Chinook Canoe ul-iymits (old nose)



Chinook Indian Nation Chairman Tony A. Johnson's canoe ul-iymits is seen here on the beach near the mouth of Salmon River in Oregon. The 21 foot Chinook Style canoe is named for the 1,180 year old piece of old growth cedar that was used to carve its nose. Old growth cedar is sacred to members of the Chinook Indian Nation because of the many uses it provides to them, but also because these trees witnessed so many generations of their ancestors lives.