

Shipping Information: Mailing Your Hides

- **Include a packing slip with each box that has the following information:**
 - ⇒ Your Name
 - ⇒ Your Mailing Address
 - ⇒ Your Contact Phone Number
 - ⇒ Complete instructions detailing what you would like done with the skin (i.e., leaving skins cased, leaving leg holes, etc.)
- **When shipping multiple boxes, please label each with the box number and total boxes.** (Ex: "1 of 4", "2 of 4", "3 of 4", etc.)
- **Dried (stiff) hides** are best shipped through the US Postal Service via Priority Mail.
- **Before mailing fresh or frozen hides, please call our office** to make sure we have freezer space available to accommodate your request.
- **Fresh or frozen hides will only be accepted if** they are hand-delivered to the tannery or shipped by local air carriers or Alaska Airlines Airfreight. Please call us for mailing instructions at 907-747-6180.
- **All shipments should be mailed to:**
Sitka Tribal Tannery
C/O Sitka Tribe of Alaska
456 Katlian Street, Sitka, AK 99835



By submitting hides, you agree to our Terms & Conditions

Due to the variety of factors that can effect the final outcome of tanned products (such as primness, condition of the specimen, climatic conditions, and improper hide care before being received by the tannery) Sitka Tribal Tannery assumes no responsibility, nor makes any guarantee as to the final results of any specimen.

The Sitka Tribe of Alaska supports conservation practices and management plans that promote a sustainable harvest of Alaska's resources.



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TO:

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Contact us:

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Physical: 4608 Halibut
Point Road #2
Sitka, AK 99835
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*Alaska's Premier Tribally
Owned and Operated Tannery*

IMPORTANT: Skin Preparation

Skins that are not properly cared for will result in a poor-quality finished product.

The quality of tanning we are able to provide depends on how they were handled while in your possession. The following preparation procedures will help ensure a quality finished product *and* save money on your tanning bill:

1. **Skin the animal soon after the kill**, being careful to keep the hide as clean as possible. Remove all blood, sticks, dirt, etc. from both the fur and flesh side.
2. **Scrape all flesh and fat from the skin before salting or freezing.** Fat or grease left on the skin can turn rancid and cause hair slippage. If you are unable to scrape the skin before salting, then salt the hide and fold it flesh-to-flesh. This will help preserve the hide for a short time until it can be scraped. *Never allow hides to dry with flesh/fat on them, as this will increase the chances of slippage.*
3. **All skins to be used in taxidermy work should have lips, nose cartilage, and ears split and turned.** Skins that have the feet attached should be split or cut down either side. Skins that do not have the feet attached and are to be used in the making of garments do not require splitting or turning (unless the face and ears will be used).
4. **Rub salt into all areas of the flesh side of the skin** (approximately 1 pound of salt for each pound of skin) making sure that the ears, nose, and feet are well salted.
5. Fold the salted skin fur-out and place it on a slanted table or board in a cool place and **allow it to drain/sweat for 24-48 hours.**
6. **After draining/sweating, scrape off the wet salt and reapply a dry layer of salt.** Then lay the skin flat (flesh side up) and allow it to dry.
7. **After the skin has dried stiff, ship it flat.** To prevent cracking, do not fold or roll the skin.

TANNING & TAXIDERMY PRICES

	<u>Open Tan</u>	<u>Case Tan</u>	<u>Fleshing & Drying*</u>	<u>Turning (lips/ears/feet)</u>
Beaver	\$ 60/ ft.	\$ N/A	\$ 20	\$ 10—\$ 20
Marten	\$ 40	\$ 45	\$ 7	\$ 10
Mink & Ermine	\$15	\$20	\$ 5	\$7
Fox & Coyote	\$ 38	\$ 43	\$ 10	\$ 15
River Otter	\$ 50	\$ 60	\$ 20	\$ 20
Seal	\$ 25/ ft.	\$ N/A	\$ 20	\$ 10
Sea Otter	\$ 110	\$ 115	\$ 20	\$ 10—\$ 20
Wolverine	\$ 44	\$ 65	\$ 15	\$ 20
Wolf	\$ 95	\$ 115	\$ 20	\$ 70
Black Bear	\$ 55/ ft.		\$ 90	\$ 75
Cape	\$ 110		\$ 30	\$ 30
Brown/Polar Bear	\$ 60/ ft.		\$ 125	\$ 100
Cape	\$ 125		\$ 50	\$ 40
Caribou—Backskin	\$ 12/sq. ft.		\$ 50	\$ N/A
Cape	\$ 125		\$ 20	\$ 20
Moose—Backskin	\$17/sq. ft.		\$60	
Elk—Backskin	\$ 13/sq. ft.		\$ 75	\$ N/A
Cape	\$ 160		\$ 40	\$ 50
Goat—Backskin	\$ 130—\$200		\$ 30	\$ N/A
Cape	\$ 110		\$ 25	\$ 25
Life Size	\$ 315		\$ 50	\$ 25
Sheep (Dall/Stone)—Backskin	\$ 14/ sq. ft.		\$ 30	\$ N/A
Cape	\$ 110		\$ 25	\$ 25
Life Size	\$ 315		\$ 50	\$ 25

**Fleshing & drying only available when combined with tanning services. Price subject to change.*