



Eskimo Fish Hook

A superb tom-cod fishing lure carved in the form of a stylized fish and armed with a large, square section, bent, hammered copper nail as the hook. The sides show two copper rivet or nail heads embedded into the matrix for weight. The upper body of the hook is pierced twice for the attachment of the line and there are three vertical inserts of walrus or seal whisker through the body.

Central Alaska (?), Thulé culture 1700 – 1900 AD. Walrus tusk and copper. 5,7 x 1 cm.

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