

Chief's headdress: the frontlet plaque is carved of yellow cedar or maple and represents a bear with a frog holding the tip of his tongue. The face has curled nostrils and a protruding red tongue. On a level with the mouth are two human hands with fingers folded downward and palms showing, inlaid with abalone. The elbows rest on drawn up knees, legs terminating in bears' paws facing inward. The ankle joint is inlaid with abalone. Between these is the figure of a frog, dorsal side, with oblong piece of abalone on back. The bear has erect ears inlaid with two pieces of abalone each. A border of abalone pieces, oblong frame the carving on the vertical sides. The crown is a piece of plaited cedar bark matting on a framework of small wooden staves. At the back of the crown is a piece of rawhide shaped like the tail fin of a whale which is a flap to help spread the eagles' down that is shaken out of the crown during a dance. The trailer is made of flour sacking and spread with strips of baleen. There are 4 rows of ermine, 7 to 8 to the row. On the crown there are small pieces of hide showing where there had been swansdown.

(Believed to have belonged to Chief ^{Edenshaw}) P.T.O

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Chief's Headdress: the frontlet plaque is carved of yellow cedar or maple and represents the face of a hawk with wings at the sides and a tail held between human hands. The face is natural wood color with red nostrils and mouth. The eyes, teeth and ears are inlaid with abalone (halietis) shell. The body, hands and wings are painted red, the wings inlaid with abalone (1 piece missing). Oblong pieces of abalone form a frame around the face. The crown or inside cap is a piece of brown sacking on a frame of baleen. A small cluster of flicker feathers is at each side of the carved plaque. The crown is set with sea lion whiskers. A trailer of flour sacking is covered with ermine skins, 7 or 8 to a row, 4 rows. The sacking is spread with strips of baleen.

Dimensions: Frontlet plaque: height at center 16.7cm
width: 16 cm.

Sea lion whiskers: length c. 34.5 cm.

Trailer: length: 1'6 cm.

Width: 36 cm.

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