same Federally recognized Indian tribe as their lineal descendant would limit repatriation to only the most recent human remains, funerary objects, or sacred objects and is not supported by the statutory language or legislative history. One commenter recommended deleting reference to use of the "traditional kinship system." Reference to traditional kinship systems is designed to accommodate the different systems that individual Indian tribes use to reckon kinship. One commenter recommended that the definition should also allow more conventional means of reckoning kinship. The definition has been amended to include the common law system of descendance as well as the traditional kinship system of the appropriate Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization. One commenter recommended defining an additional class of "lineage members" or "kindred"—individuals that are not lineal descendants in the biological sense of the term but are related by the traditional kinship system—and then giving these individuals a secondary priority for making a claim after lineal descendants but before culturally affiliated Indian tribes. Determinations of priority between blood descendants and descendants by some other traditional kinship system are more properly resolved in specific situations rather than through general regulations.

One commenter recommended clarifying the definition of Indian tribe in § 10.2 (a)(9) (renumbered § 10.2 (b)(2)) to ensure timely notification. Seventeen commenters recommended expanding the definition to include a broader spectrum of Indian groups than those recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Several commenters identified specific groups they felt should have standing, including: various bands or tribes in California, Washington, and Ohio; Native American organizations such as the American Indian Movement; Native American groups that "would be eligible for recognition by the BIA if they so chose to be"; and "bands recognized by other Federal agencies." Section 12 of the Act makes it clear that Congress based the Act upon the unique relationship between the United States government and Indian tribes. That section goes on to state that the Act should not be construed to establish a precedent with respect to any other individual or organization. The statutory definition of Indian tribe, which specifies that such tribes must be "recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians," precludes extending applicability of the Act to Indian tribes that have been terminated, that are current applicants for recognition, or have only State or local jurisdiction legal status.

As was explained in the preamble of the proposed regulations, the definition of Indian tribe used in the Act was drawn explicitly from an earlier version of the bill (H.R. 5237, 101th Congress, 2nd Sess. sec. 2 (7), (July 10, 1990)) using a specific statutory reference. The final language of the Act is verbatim from the American Indian Self Determination and Education Act (25 U.S.C. 450b). The earlier statute has been carried out since 1976 by the BIA to apply to a specific list of eligible Indian tribes which has been published in the Federal Register.

Four commenters found this interpretation unduly narrow and recommended interpreting the statutory definition to apply to Indian tribes that are recognized as eligible for benefits for the special programs and services provided by "any" agency of the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians. The Review Committee concurred with this recommendation. Based on the above recommendations, the definition of Indian tribe included in the regulations was amended by deleting all text describing the process for obtaining recognition from the BIA. In place of this text, the final regulations include a statement identifying the Secretary as responsible for creating and distributing a list of Indian tribes for the purpose of carrying out the Act. This list is currently available from the **Departmental Consulting Archeologist** and will be updated periodically.

One commenter recommended deleting the reference to Alaska Native corporations in the definition of Indian tribe. The American Indian Self Determination and Education Act, the source for the definition of Indian tribe in the Act, explicitly applies to Alaska Native corporations and, as such, supports their inclusion under the Act. Alaska Native corporations are generally considered to have standing under these regulations if they are recognized as eligible for a self-determination contract under 25 U.S.C. 450b.

Two commenters recommended deleting the final line of the definition of Indian tribe in which Native Hawaiian organizations are subsumed for purposes of the regulations. The Review Committee concurred with this recommendation. The final sentence has been deleted and the applicability of the regulations to Native Hawaiian organizations has been specified where appropriate throughout the text. The term Indian tribe official defined in § 10.2 (b)(4) has not been changed, though the drafters wish to stress the term's applicability to the representatives of both Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.

Two commenters recommended changes to the definition of Native Hawaiian organization in $\S 10.2$ (a)(11) (renumbered § 10.2 (b)(3)). One commenter recommended specifying that such organizations should have a primary and stated purpose of the 'preservation of Hawaiian history," and have expertise in Native Hawaiian "cultural" affairs. Two commenters recommended requiring a Native Hawaiian organization verify that more than 50% of its membership is Native Hawaiian. The statutory definition of Native Hawaiian organization in section 2 (11) of the Act precludes expansion of the criteria for identifying Native Hawaiian organizations. An earlier version of the bill (S. 1980, 101st Cong. 2nd sess. section 3(6)(c), (September 10, 1990)) that eventually became the Act included a provision requiring Native Hawaiian organization to have "a membership of which a majority are Native Hawaiian." This provision was not included in the Act. The legislative history confirms that Congress considered the additional criterion and decided not to include it in the Act.

One commenter recommended rewriting the definition of Native Hawaiian in § 10.2 (a)(10) (renumbered § 10.2 (b)(3)) to include Pacific Islanders. The statutory definition of Native Hawaiian in section 2 (10) of the Act precludes expansion of this definition to include Pacific Islanders who are not descendants of the aboriginal people who, prior to 1778, occupied and exercised sovereignty in the area that now constitutes the State of Hawaii.

Three commenters recommended changes to the definition of Indian tribe official in § 10.2 (a)(12) (renumbered § 10.2 (b)(4)). One commenter recommended specifying that Indian tribe official means the tribal chair or officially designated individual. One commenter recommended allowing designation by the governing body of an Indian tribe "or as otherwise provided by tribal code, policy, or procedure.' One commenter recommended that the designated person need not be a member of that Indian tribe. The definition of Indian tribe official was amended to identify the principal leader or the individual officially designated or otherwise provided by tribal code, policy or established procedure. This person need not necessarily be a member of the particular Indian tribe.