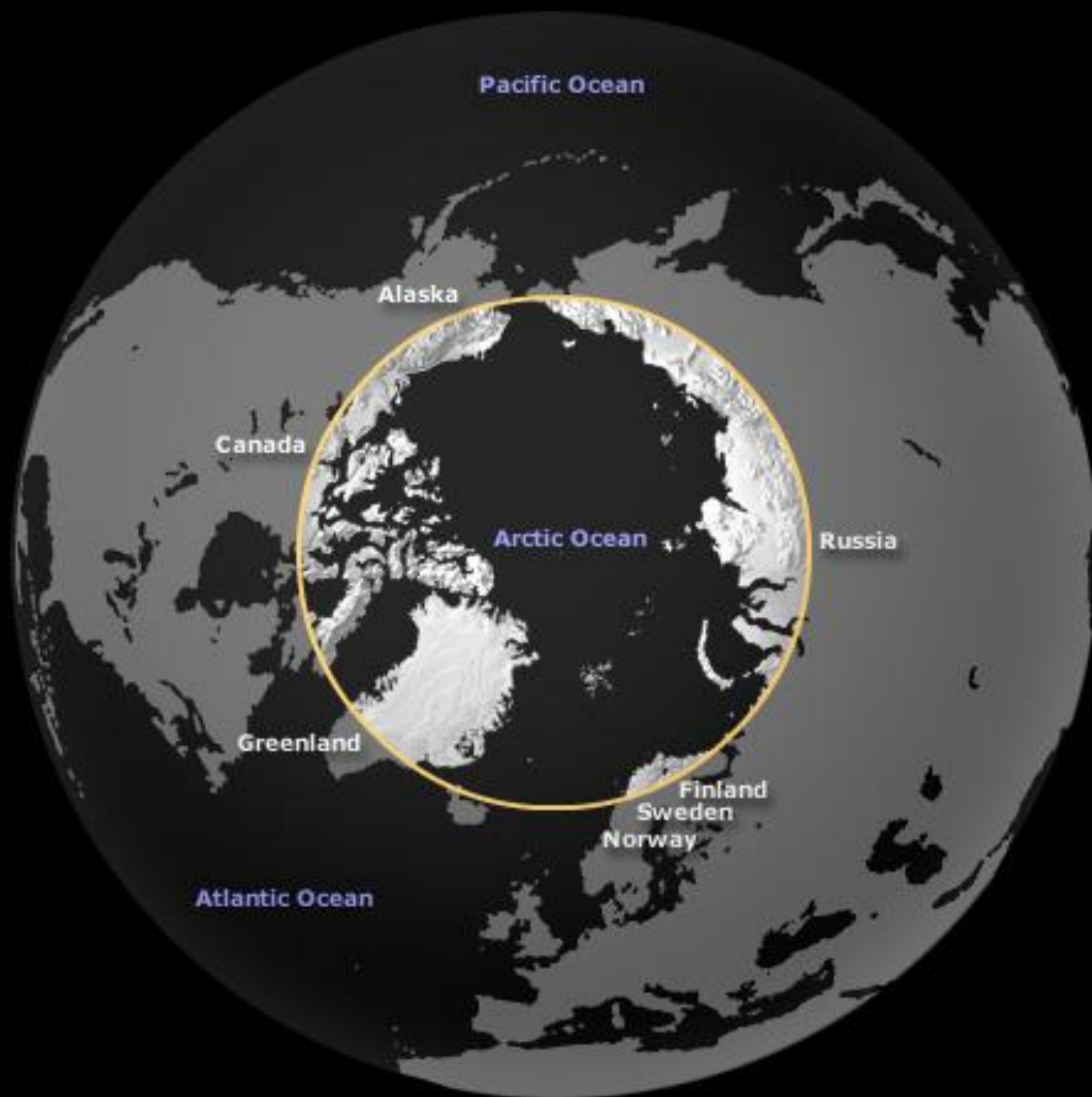


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DANCE OF THE
ARCTIC CIRCLE



Pacific Ocean

Alaska

Canada

Arctic Ocean

Russia

Greenland

Finland
Sweden
Norway

Atlantic Ocean

Greenland- Drum Dance

- ⊙ The drum dancer's feet stay rooted to the ground once the dance begins.
- ⊙ Their trunk and upper body moves to the beat of the drum.
- ⊙ The head moves forward and backward like that of a chicken.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBmK1uLEFLM
&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBmK1uLEFLM&feature=related)



Alaska- Drum Dance

- ⊙ Unlike the Canadian Drum Dance the Alaskan drum dance is a group style dance.
- ⊙ The group is made up of multiple drummers.
- ⊙ In this dance the drummers movements are minimal. The knees stay primarily bent throughout the song while keeping time with the beat.
- ⊙ The male dance movements usually mimic harpooning, surveying the area, and travel. As where, the female dancers mimic the scenes associated with taking care of an animal carcass after death such as cross-cutting, sewing the skins, and transporting the carcass.

Start video at 1:12

<http://www.nativetube.com/video/122/Inuit-Drum-Dancing--Gjoa-Haven-Drum-Dance-Festival>

Norway- halling or laus

- ◎ Of the bygdedanser genre of traditional Norwegian dance
- ◎ Athletic solo dance for men
- ◎ Characterized by deep knee bends, jumps, leaps, and revolutions
- ◎ Danced to the fiddle in triple or duple meter; relatively fast tempo

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6k6JmsctwE&feature=related>

Russia- pereplias

- ⊙ Pereplias = “to outdo in dance”
- ⊙ Competition dance
- ⊙ Performed by 2 men surrounded by male companions
- ⊙ One victor; new challenger; new victor; new challenger
- ⊙ Increasingly difficult step combinations
 - Kolentsa = “knee joints”; “tricks”

(from 2:10 to 2:53)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vvr8AjT0aD0&NR>

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Finland- tikkuristi or ristipuikko

◎ Finnish-speaking Region:

- Tikkuristi = “cross of sticks”
- Performed by 1 or 2 men
- Characterized by hopping over 2 crossed sticks or lines drawn on the ground

◎ Swedish-speaking Region:

- Tikkuristi is similar to dansa på skarven (“dance on the chink in the floor”) or dansa på strå (“dance on the straw”)
 - 2 men
 - Held stick between the two men and kicked their legs over the stick

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tf68LUkKkaI&feature=related>

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