**US-Marblehead-Spade**

**MA, Marblehead, Salem, Swampscott, spades used for shellfish clamming-7,000 BP**

**A large village of Naumkeag Native Americans inhabited Marblehead, Salem and Swampscott. The tribe maintained its independence even as it acted as part of the Massachusett Confederacy of tribes. Their Sachem or tribal leader had his domicile where Anthony’s Pier Four Restaurant is now, which the Naumkeags called Red Rock in their Massachusett language. These large spades were used for shellfish clamming in the littoral level off Swampscott and Marblehead, MA 7,000 years ago. Phillips Pond has been used by Native Americans for at least 17.000 years based on core samples taken at the Pond by Salem State College in the 1990’s**. **This means that these people were here during the extremely cold Birch Climatic Period at least 4,000 years before earlier archaeologists (i.e., in the 1950’s-1990’s) presumed first people, the Clovis had settled here around 13,000 years ago during the retreat of the Wisconsin Glacier.**