PROPOSAL 117 – 5 AAC 01.220. Lawful gear and gear specifications; 5 AAC 05.362. Yukon River Summer Chum Salmon Management Plan; and 5 AAC 05.368. Anvik River Chum Salmon Fishery Management Plan. Prohibit the use of beach seines in the Yukon Area subsistence salmon fishery and in the Yukon River and Anvik River summer chum salmon commercial fisheries, as follows:

Suggested language:

There will be no subsistence or commercial beach seine fishing allowed on the Yukon River for Chinook salmon

Tanana Rampart Manley Fish and Game Advisory Committee (TRM AC) supported this proposal unanimously.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The TRM AC feels that beach seines should not be allowed to target certain species (such as chum salmon) and release bycatch (such as king salmon) due to the lack of studies showing insignificant harm and multitude of studies showing significant harm to seined king and/or other species. Many of these studies showing harm are in situations where the migration after seining are extremely shorter than Yukon salmon and holding conditions are less severe.

Currently this condition exist under the guise of being not harmful to king salmon yet providing needed opportunity to commercial fishers of chum salmon. Because of the relentless efforts of some commercial interests to get different types of seining passed by the Board of Fisheries (some have passed) through numerous avenues we feel a regulation specifically banning seining in the Yukon is necessary and should be part of a larger effort to create and secure a healthy future for Yukon king salmon.

PROPOSED BY: Tanana Rampart Manley Fish and Game Advisory Committee	:
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