

**PROPOSAL 89**

**5 AAC 05.362. Yukon River Summer Chum Salmon Management Plan.**

Modify Yukon Area commercial dip net gear operations in the commercial fishery to include a single rigid handle with a single line attached, as follows:

5 AAC 05.362.(k)(1)(A) is amended to read:

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(A) up to four dip nets; notwithstanding 5 AAC 39.105(d)(24), for the purposes of this subparagraph, a dip net is a bag-shaped net supported on all sides by a rigid frame in which no portion of the bag is constructed of webbing that exceeds a stretched measurement of four and one-half inches and the frame is attached to a single rigid handle **or a single rigid handle with a single line attached** and **be** operated by hand; the depth of the bag must be at least one-half of the greatest straight-line distance, as measured through the net opening; for a dip net with

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**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** This proposal would specify that dip nets must be operated by a handle, and that a single line may be attached to the handle. The current definition of dip net operation does not reflect the practice of attaching a single line to a dip net handle. This method of dip net operation has created confusion and difficulty for enforcement personnel. Clarifying dip net operation would provide enforcement and local fishers with a clear definition of gear type operation.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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