By regulation, a dip net is defined as a bag-shaped net supported on all sides by a rigid frame. The maximum straight-line distance between any two points on the net frame, as measured through the net opening, may not exceed 5 feet. The depth of the bag must be at least one-half the greatest straight-line distance as measured through the net opening. No portion of the bag may be constructed of webbing that exceeds a stretched measurement of 4½ inches. The frame must be attached to a single rigid handle and be operated by hand.
Most land in the Chitina area is privately owned by the Chitina Village Corporation or the Ahtna Regional Corporation. Please respect the rights of landowners in the area, and obey all regulatory signs concerning access, parking, and other subjects.

The personal use salmon fishery is open only to Alaska residents. Nonresidents may not participate. A resident sport fishing license is required.

Notice of fishery openings and general information are available 24 hours a day by calling:
Glennallen at 822-5224
Fairbanks at 459-7382
Anchorage at 267-2511
or on the web at:

Be sure to call the recorded message before leaving for Chitina.

The first open fishing period will occur between June 7 and June 15, depending upon strength and timing of the salmon run. Permits will be available at all locations no later than June 1.

- A permit is required and must be in your possession while taking or transporting fish. All salmon must be recorded on your permit before leaving the fishing site.

- Permits can be obtained from ADF&G offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Palmer, and Glennallen. Permits will also be available at selected vendors in Anchorage, Chitina, Copper Center, Delta Junction, Eagle River, Fairbanks, Ft. Wainwright, Glennallen, Kenny Lake, North Pole, Palmer, Valdez, and Wasilla. Contact the above ADF&G offices or visit the ADF&G web site for a list of participating vendors.

- Only one Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon permit will be issued to a household per year.

- A household may not obtain both a Glennallen Subdistrict subsistence salmon permit and a Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon permit in the same year.

- The annual limit is 25 salmon for the head of household and 10 salmon for each dependent of the permit holder, per permit, per year.

- Only one (1) king salmon is allowed per permit per year, and it is included in the annual household limit.

- Rainbow/steelhead trout may not be kept.

- Permits must be returned by mail or in person to the ADF&G office printed on the permit when the permittee has completed fishing for the season, or by October 15.

- A person may not possess salmon taken under a personal use salmon permit unless both tips of the tail fin are immediately removed from the salmon.

For purposes of this fishery, “immediately” means before concealing the salmon from plain view or transporting the salmon from the fishing site. “Fishing site” means the location where the fish was removed from the water and became part of the permit holder’s bag limit.