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.

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