

RC 023

Pertaining to ACR#6

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To members of the Board of Fish:

Harvesting Jack Sockeye and Excess Escapement in the Terminal Management Areas of Olga Bay.

Olga Bay has 3 designated terminal set net only harvest sections. Dog Salmon Flats, Akalaura and Upper Station. Fishing techniques with set net gear in these areas can be much different than other set net areas because there are no predesignated sites and there is no minimum distance restriction between units of gear. Nets may be overlapped or crossed over and set in configurations to maximize efficient harvest with the least amount of gear.

Over past seasons when opportunity allowed the fishers of the area have learned to work together and pooled their resources to make the best of the situation by setting their nets in configurations for efficient shared harvest.

With experience gained in 2014 and previous seasons, the fishers working as a group devised plans and purchased new gear specifically built to harvest surplus escapement and jack sockeye in the Dog Salmon Flats Section. This gear consists of legal gill net web of 3 1/4" mesh for jacks and 4 3/4 " for the small sized adults returning to Frazer Lake.

The deployment plan for this gear is to place successive 3 1/4" nets with overlapped ends from shore to shore around the stream mouths in less than 5' of water depth. These nets will act as a barrier to prevent excess escapement and jacks from getting into the stream and also catch jacks in the 3 1/4:mesh.

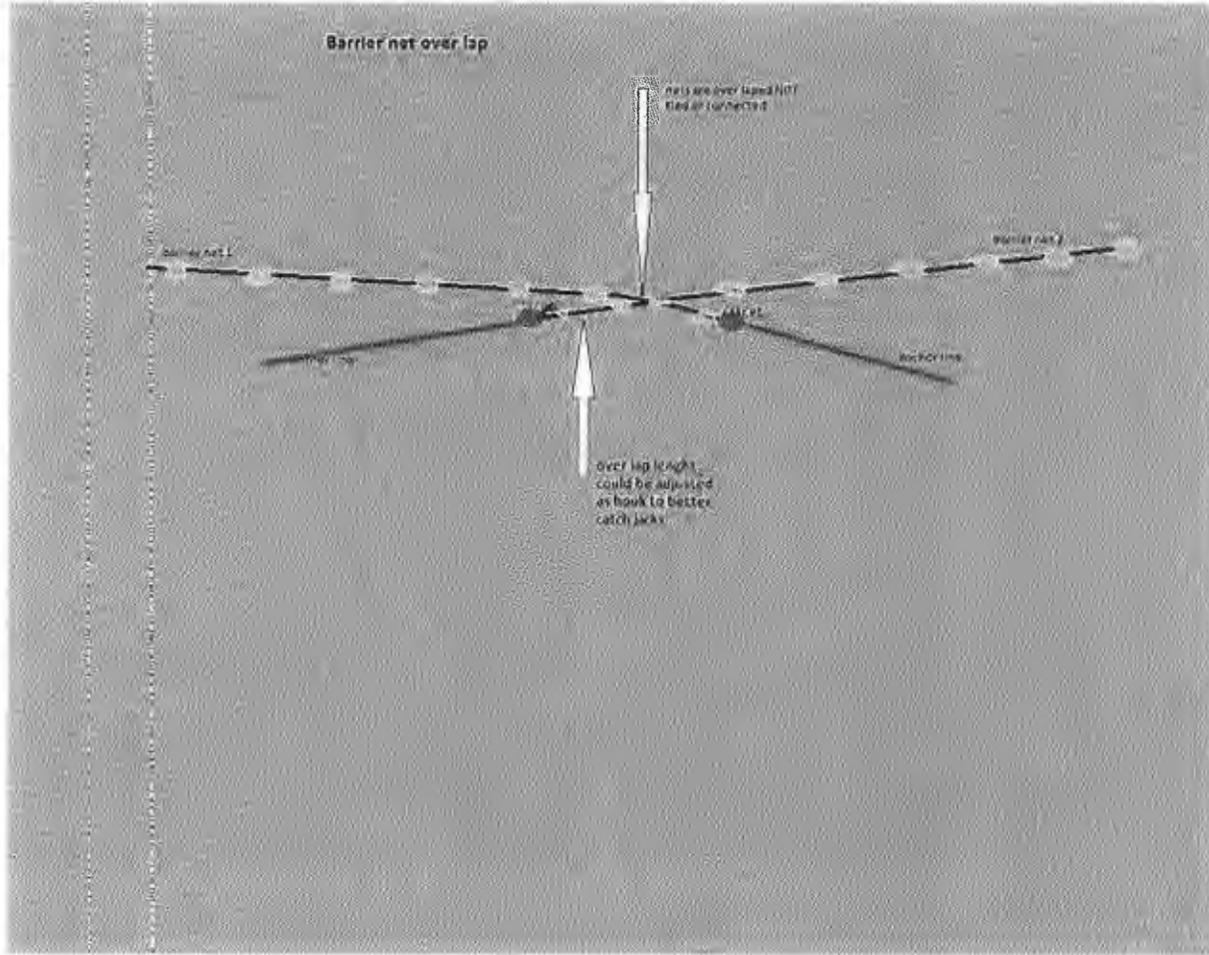
Off of this barrier of small mesh nets other nets of 4 3/4" mesh will be set in a configuration to hold and capture adult sockeye.

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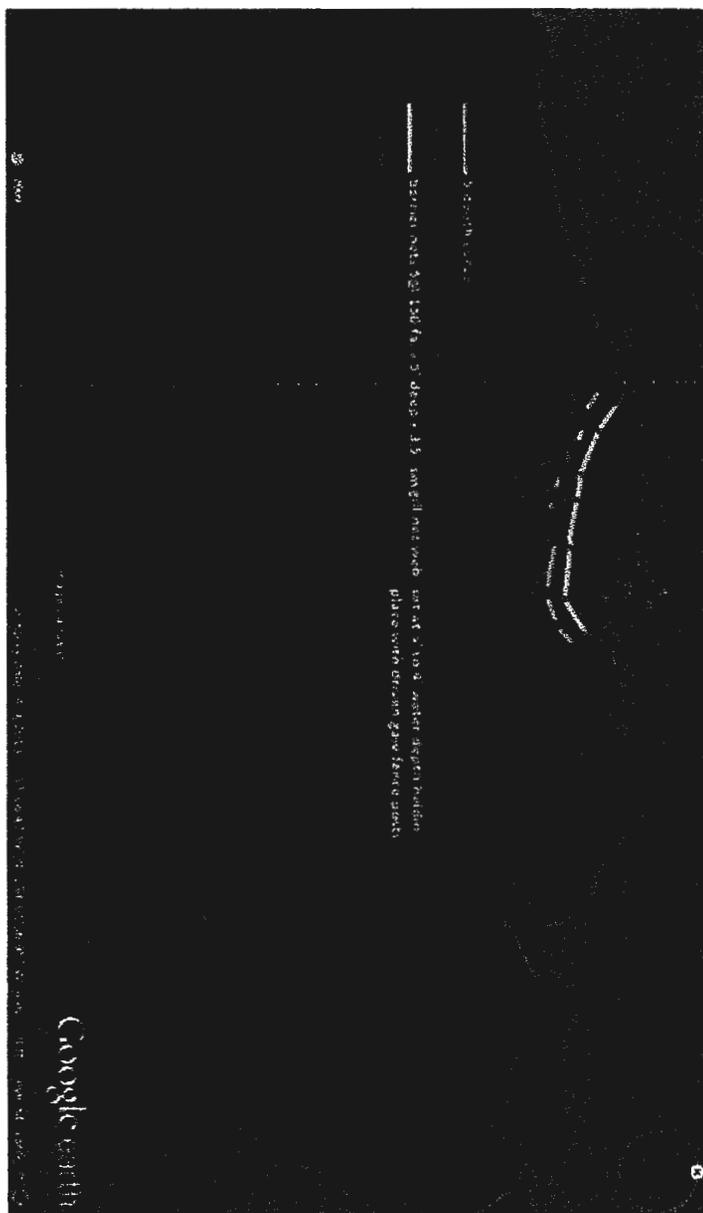


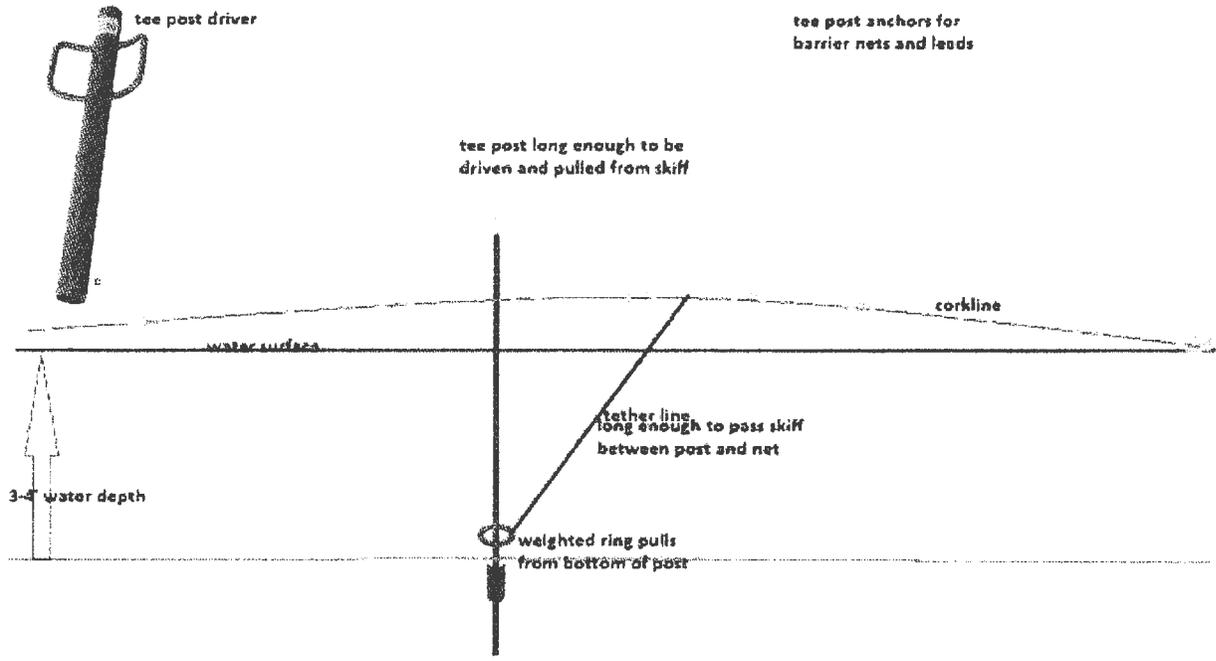
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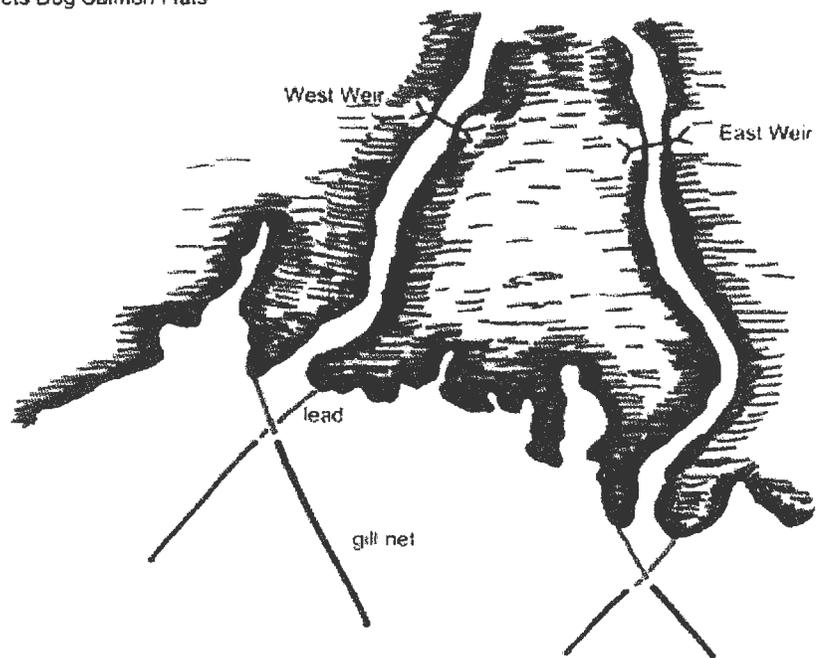
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