

**PROPOSAL 196 - 5 AAC 77.540. Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Fishery Management Plan.** Prohibit dip nets from being attached to a vessel, as follows:

Dip nets operated from a boat may not in any way be physically attached to the boat. They must be operated by hand.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Clarify hand operated dip net. Stop dip nets being turned into trawl nets. The definition of a trawl net is "a bag shaped net towed through the water to capture fish..." The dip net regulation states "the frame ( of a dip net must be attached to a single rigid handle and **Operated by Hand.** When it is attached to a boat it is not being operated by hand.

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