PROPOSAL 13

5 AAC 01.620. Lawful gear and gear specifications.

Prohibit dipnetting from a boat within 75 feet of an operating fish wheel in the Glennallen Subdistrict, as follows:

Subsistence fishing from boats may not occur within 75 feet of any fishwheel in operation.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? With the increasing popularity of dip netting from boats, there have been some reports of user conflicts between dip netters and fish wheel operators. A number of fish wheel owners have expressed concern that they have had dip net fishers come too close for comfort. This can encroach on the fish wheel operators' ability to harvest fish.

Fish wheels are stationary, so their operators cannot simply go elsewhere to avoid encroachment or conflict. Moreover, there are only a limited number of fish wheel sites on many sections of the river.

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