

My name is Tiffany Andrew, maiden name Agayar. I've been a commercial fisher since 2013 and my son has been fishing with me since then, he is now 12. He's my main helper and he's raised a conservation fisher, he knows we cannot take kings and he's taught how to release a king in the dipnet in a respectful manner just as Stanislaus from Mountain Village has mentioned.

I've fished multiple different ways to see which way was more efficient and beneficial. Honestly, fishing without a rope on the dipnet handle does a lot of strain to one person's arms and hands. After a 12-hour period, my hands would get so swollen from holding the handle, but tying a rope onto the handle, my hand's didn't get as swollen but still get there. Also, to add to hand swelling, it puts a lot of strain on your arm and back. The rope on the dipnet handle helps keep your body intact and also helps a person maintain up to three other dipnets as opposed to maintaining just one which isn't very effective. To this day, I still get some random kinks or pain where I overused my arm before learning to use a rope.

My son too, who is very young, prefers to dipnet because he doesn't like catching incidental kings with the knowledge of the importance of king conservation. I personally do not want my son to live with the permanent muscle pain that I now live with, and that I do not wish upon anyone who is just trying to make a little living enough to pay their monthly bills which are lower priced during the summer and also provides some way to be able to harvest berries as well.

[in reference to Proposal 89]