A group of Chinook people using a seine net to catch salmon on Sand Island near the mouth of the Columbia River sometime between 1900 and 1914.

Cedar net floats, like the ones used on the net in the photograph to the left, can still be found in Tribal member’s yards and storage sheds today.

Drawing by James Swan in 1857 that shows ancestors of the Chinook Indian Nation seine fishing by canoe on the north bank of the Columbia River near present day Chinook, Washington. Today members of the Chinook Indian Nation do not have a clear right to take even one fish from the Columbia River. Executive actions could relieve this unthinkable situation.