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Net Fishing.

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Not one kind of net only was known here in Hawaii in ancient times, there were many, large ones and small ones, according to the kind of fish desired to catch, such was the net. These are some of them: Akule net, Opelu net, Weke net, Malolo net, Uhu net, Amaama net, Koki net, and Papa was another kind of net, and so on. If it was a Papa net, many were the kinds of fish it gathered, they were numerous, one good thing with this net was diving, two good qualities, as well as other fishing suitable to this net. If a diving net, then the fisherman will take and spread the net out in a flat place, then affix the wood attractive to the fish. that kind of wood placed was the awahi, blackened, it was named Makalei, and when let down, the fish were gathered in great numbers, attracted by the wood it desired, then, the fisherman will command the man on the net canoe to cast the net. On casting the net stones are fastened to its bottom (mole), and when laid the fishermen will haul on the attractive wood, and when close to the mouth of the net the fisherman will direct the divers in this manner: "When you dive, don't dive reckless, line alike, breast alike." Such is his first command, on his divers hearing it, then he commands in a loud voice to dive, whereupon the divers all dive down. The fisherman then chews some kukui nuts and blows it out on the surface of the sea, whereby he is enabled to see many fish entering the net. One side of the net is

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hauled on till its mouth is turned upward. Loud are the voices of the men in their rejoicing over the quantity of fish in the net. If there were two bags to the net there would be two canoes to load with fish, or perhaps three if there are many. On reaching the landing the fish are all distributed, when they will all go to the house, cut up the fish and fill the platter, to be eaten with great relish by the men, women and children.