

Please let this office know whether ADF&G can provide sports fish management at the Eklutna location, and if so your schedule of activities for the upcoming season.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Administrator

Mr. Craig Whitmore
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RE: Approval to Provide Sports Fish Management at the Eklutna Project, US. Department of Energy

Dear Mr. Whitmore:

The Alaska Power Administration (APA) requests that the Division of Sports Fish, ADF&G, provide management for sports fishing activities at the sports fishing area adjacent to the Eklutna Power Plant for the 1997 fishing season. As in previous years, APA grants permission to ADF&G for placement of toilet facilities, solid waste disposal, parking enhancement, and regulatory oversight pertaining to sports fishing, as required.

This will be the last season that APA owns the fishing properties. In the fall of 1997 (11/28/97) ownership of the properties will be transferred to three utility purchasers: the Anchorage Municipal Light & Power (ML&P), Matanuska Electric Association (MEA), and the Chugach Electric Association (CEA). Currently the purchaser have requested that APA continue with the existing sports fish management approach. In subsequent years, ADF&G will have to receive permission for access and sports fish management from the purchasers.

Howard Delo of your Anchorage Office has indicated that the Alaska Legislature may fund permanent structural improvements for the fishing area in state fiscal year 1998. ADF&G will have to receive approval not only from APA but also the purchasers for installation of those permanent facilities. Please keep this office informed as to your agency's progress on this matter. When it becomes appropriate, APA will arrange for a meeting with all parties to work out the details for approval and installation of the improvements.

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