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Please leave the Ekluta dam as it is. The electric co-op utilities have/are spending millions of dollars enhancing water flow in the river at the expense of cheap electricity and drinking water for Anchorage. Do not give away this fossil fuel free, power on demand, environmental friendly part of our electric grid. The utilities recently received a 50 year extension to their permit from the federal government.

This is a valuable asset owned by all the co-op electric utility members in the rail belt area and it is the cheapest supply of electricity in the rail belt area. Do not trade it for the several hundred fishermen who might catch a fish in this river. There should be a cost analysis for dollars to remove and energy lost versus each fish that could be caught.

The governor has committed to Alaska to have 50% non fossil fuel free electrical grid by 2050 This asset is already constructed and upgraded and will cost millions of dollars to remove. Lets evaluate dam removal the next time the dam is up for permit renewal.

What's next? Remove dams at Bradley Lake and the dams in Southeast Alaska?

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