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the utilities don't really care what you think: they've got the governor in their pocket.

this whole process has been a sham. the utilities have colluded with the alaska energy authority, the city administration, and the commissioners of DNR and ADFG to rig this process.

why? because eklutna hydro is a cash cow that produces \$19 million in revenue every year. consider that the utilities bought the hydroproject from the feds in 1997 for \$6.7 million.

from the beginning the utilities have ducked and dodged their responsibility to fix the broken eklutna river. the hydroproject dried up the eklutna river for the past 69 years. see for yourself. walk the river below eklutna lake. its dry or mostly dry for 8 miles.

how do the utilities propose to mitigate for 69 years of damage? they want to put a spigot in the AWWU (anchorage water and wastewater) pipeline and allow a trickle (~10% of normal flows) of water to enter the river one mile below eklutna lake. IF THE UTILITIES GET AWAY WITH THIS, THEY GET TO KEEP THEIR EKLUTNA CASH REGISTER FOR ANOTHER 35 YEARS.

the original problem that got us here was "the loss of a sockeye salmon run." news flash: sockeye salmon spawn in lakes, and they can't walk the final mile to get to eklutna lake.

don't you wanna have a sockeye run that doesn't mean driving to kenai or chitina? eklutna could be that place, but only if we tell the utilities to get lost. and don't believe anyone who says there won't be any public fishing access - there already is public access to eklutna lake and the upper eklutna river.

if you live on city water, as i do, you should be concerned about the utilities' plan to use the AWWU pipeline to create a dead-end river. the awwu guys have a lot of issues with that plan, and worry it might jeopardize the reliability of a system that supplies 90% of anchorage's drinking water. but they've been told to sit down and shut up by the guy who signs their paycheck.

there is no end to the corruption at eklutna. the people running this show have distorted the data, misrepresented facts to the public and elected officials, denigrated the eklutna dena'ina, and ignored the advice of the state and federal biologists. at the public meetings, where the public should have the opportunity to "testify" as the 1991 agreement requires, you can tell it to an ipad.

there are 6 parties to the 1991 fish and wildlife agreement (7 if you include the native village of eklutna), and 5 of them do not support the proposed alternative. the us fish and wildlife service, the national marine fisheries service, the municipality of anchorage and the native village of eklutna are opposed to the plan. only chugach electric and matanuska electric support their own plan.

don't join them. don't let them raise your rates, raise your taxes, mess with your drinking water, and keep you from catching fish.