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To: <u>Sam Owen</u>

Subject: Free the Eklutna River!!!

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Dear Operators of the Eklutna Hydroelectric Project,

As a tribal member of the Native Village of Eklutna, I can not stress how important fish are to our community and people. It is one of the most important traditional subsistence foods in our area. I grew up catching fish and setting fish nets in Eklutna. Those are my favorite memories. Learning how to cut fish, learning what the different parts are, how to set the net, how to bait the hook, how to tie fishing knots. All with my family. My siblings, parents, cousins, aunties, uncles, grandparents and great grandparents. When I have kids and grand kids, I want them to be able to fish those waters. Just how I did as a kid, and the rest of my family and elders. The fish are so important to our peoples health. Please remove the Eklutna dam. I stand strong with my family and ancestors. This means so much to our people. Restoring the fish back to their waters, that is their home!!

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