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Please consider these comments in the decision to fully restore the Eklutna River from its headwaters all the way to Cook Inlet.

The village of Eklutna is located on the banks of the Eklutna River for a reason. Based on my understanding, that reason was and still is SALMON.

One of the two dams has already been removed and the second dam will be removed free of charge to ratepayers.

None of the current analysis accounts for this best option. Also, none of the current analysis accounts for the potential benefits related to each option and none accounts for the future energy picture. If no further analysis is being conducted, the best option is to set a timeline for when our changing energy infrastructure will be able to allow the freeing of the Eklutna River and Lake ONCE AND FOR ALL ... FOR ALL 5 SALMON SPECIES. I support the entire removal of the Eklutna dam - removal that is free to ratepayers.

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