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IT IS RECKLESS TO SUPPORT REMOVAL OF THE DAM AT THE VERY TIME INTENSE EFFORTS ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN TO TRANSITION FROM FOSSIL FUELS TO RENEWABLE RESOURCES FOR ELECTRICAL GENERATION. HYDROPOWER IS THE BEST SOURCE FOR FIRM POWER TO SUPPLY POWER WHEN THE WIND DOES NOT BLOW OR THE SUN DOES NOT SHINE. GIVEN THE HIGH COST OF AND RESISTANCE TO ANY NEW HYDRO OR NUCLEAR, THE HIGH COST AND UNCERTAINTY OF TIDAL GENERATION, and the high cost of battery storage, it is irresponsible to even consider taking the dam out. How much and how would the eklutna hydro project output be replaced? This cost has to be factored into any decision to remove the dam. In ADDITION, DAM REMOVAL WOULD POSE RISKS AND COSTS ON ANCHORAGE'S WATER SUPPLY. FINALLY, I SUSPECT THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE UNCERTAINTY ABOUT HOW MUCH, IF ANY, SOCKEY SALMON RUNS WOULD ACTUALLY BE REVITALIZED. I UNDERSTAND THE EMOTIONAL ATTACHMENT to salmon, NATIVE HERITAGE AND NATURAL RIVERS (I am a long-time river runner, love salmon, and appreciate native sentiment), but these factors are SWAMPED by the reasons for keeping the dam.