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Reading the letters taking sides either for hydro and the best drinking water in Anchorage vs the salmon reaching the lake like all other world class lakes in Alaska, I wonder why people argue for only one or the other? Could the Utility option to restore a majority of the river now be a win, followed by an agreement to get salmon the rest of the way in 10+ years, perhaps without specifying the means being dam removal? Are there other ways that could benefit all sides - such as fish ladders like at Ship Creek where they fill up with salmon moving upstream? I wonder if we can find a different way to preserve the lake for drinking water and energy - critical - and restore salmon to their spawning habitat and cultural significance at the lake - by other means than dam removal? That seems like a promise all sides can keep.

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