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I would like to follow up on comments I made a couple weeks ago. After finding out there were only 70 members of the eklutna tribe, it seems inconceivable to me that removing the dam is not feasible at any level. Eklutna provides most of the water for Anchorage and electricity in a substantially green way. It would be cheaper in the long run to pay a royalty to these 70 folks. As I stated before I have fished the area, and there are fish, but in this case the needs of the many must take precedence. To redesign or replace aspects of this project and tear down the dam is too costly at a time we don't have the funds and cannot afford increased rates. Removing the dam will affect the lake levels as well , our water supply, and the recreational use of the area. Sadly progress and population affect natural habitat, but so has the pipelines and their impact was offset by royalties. I think this would be appropriate for the 70 members in this situation. Anchorage has so many problems power wise, we do not need additional ones and loss of water.
Thank you