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I do not support the alternative proposed by the utilities that would not restore water flow to the full river and does not provide for fish access to the lake and upper tributaries.

The fish and wildlife plan should be a long term solution. By that I mean to look to plan for a 100, 500 year solution.

What is proposed accepts that the infrastructure established in the past, and the habitat harm that has resulted, is the new base to plan from. That is short sighted.

Imagine instead a river/lake system with natural salmon runs with all the benefits of such to wildlife and humans.

I do support the alternative proposed by Eklutna Native Community with, in part: full length river water flow, fish access to the lake and upper tributaries, ten years to allow for alternate power generation sources to come on line. I recognize this is an expensive alternative, however, it is the only alternative that remediates the impacts of the past in a meaningful way for the benefit of all Alaskans in the long term.

I am a 65 year Alaskan having lived in Kenai, Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Sitka. I have commercial, sport and subsistence fished for salmon. I am an active hunter for subsistence purposes.

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