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I am writing as a private individual, not in my former role with the Alaska Center. I am also writing as a lifelong resident of ANchorage Alaska, as an ecologist, as an Indigenous person, and as an advocate for renewable energy. Any Fish and wildLife program which does not explicitly attempt to restore populations for each species of salmon impacted by the hydroelectric project, including access to the entire stretch of habitat, from mouth to headwaters, is an unequivocal failure of the owners to live up to the requirements and expectations of the 1991 agreement, as well as their responsibility as public utilities to the Native Village of Eklutna, to the community of Anchorage, and to the integrity of their respective organizations. This reality has been embodied throughout the restoration process by the explicit manipulation of the study and review process, by the willful negligence of Mayor Bronson's management, by the misrepresentation of data, methods, and community perspectives by Macmillen Jacobs to the owners and the public, and by the secret contractual commitment with AWWU. In fact, every aspect I mentioned before, and countless others I have personally born witness to are nothing short of shameful. Every escalation of resistance to the owner's process is a direct consequence of their management of this project, and indeed the certain continued escalation and ensuing waste of taxpayer and ratepayer funds will also be a direct consequence and responsibility of the owners management as well. It is with clarity and urgency that I call upon the owners of the hydroelectric project follow through on their ultimate responsibility and select the community alternative, for the wellbeing of our community and future generations.