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To: Sam Owen

Subject: Comment on the Eklutna River Draft Fish and Wildlife Program

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Dear Owners of The Eklutna Hydroelectric Project,

This comment is in regard to the Eklutna Hydroelectric Project's Draft Fish and Wildlife Program for the Eklutna River.

Salmon are a key species of in the spectrum of wildlife.

Understanding that the owners acquired the Eklutna Project with a dam below that has since been removed, it is not a good enough reason to not work towards the removal of the current dam and to make this right. We cannot continue to operate within the narrow concept of continuing wrongs because of past wrongs. The owners and stake holders can afford it and MUST afford it. We CANNOT afford not to. This is not a question based solely on money. It must not be simply a dollars cost analysis, this is a quality of life and moral issue that is priceless. Be on the right side of history. We are all owner stakeholders in this precious landscape.

Now is your one chance to make this right. Please consider removing the Eklutna Dam so that all five species of salmon can once again return to the river.

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