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Please don't do It!

tearing down an ENTIRE dam for approximately 2,000 salmon for subsistence in Eleven (11) miles of the Eklutna river is not based on common sense. First, restoration is not part of this project. Second, will the fish go up the river? Know one seems to know. \\\\"Fish will do what fish will do\\\\" is the answer I keep hearing. Thirdly, have any studies been done since the lower dam was torn down? Finally, at what cost?

Next consider water and energy for the Anchorage area. Ten (10) percent of our water comes from the dam. I heard the replacement from renewable resources would take approximately ten (10) plus years to obtain our current level. and that still leaves no room for future GROWTH; FOR Anchorage, the mat-su area which will affect the entire state. If the dam is torn down there will be no water pressure in the fire hydrants from eklutna to eagle river. in a hot dry summer everyone worries about a out-of-control devastating forest fire. this would be a perfect opportunity. As to providing energy for the area, what emergency plans are in place when the temperatures dip into the negatives for days at a time which recently happened? does anyone really want to make those DECISIONS BECAUSE renewables are not available.

What costs are involed with this project? The TAXPAYERS will see huge increases in the tax bills and energy bills. What will be the cost or REPLACING THE infrastructures to the taxpayer and the state? I, also heard, discussion on building a new dam. Millions more dollars for tearing down a perfectly good dam. What are all the unforeseen costs? Costs never go down.

Please follow the eight (8) directives that are address and leave the dam in place. My common sense says this is ridiculous and maybe 35 years from now there will be an entirely different energy source besides windmills and solar panels. Hydro electric is a clean and reliable sourece.

Thank you for allowing my voice to be heard concerning this project.