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Subject: New Message From Eklutna Hydro - CONTACT US
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To the operators of the Eklutna Hydroelectric Project,

I am writing regarding the Eklutna River and your draft Fish and Wildlife Plan. As I read it, your proposed plan does not meet your obligations to the Eklutna Peoples, including the restoration of an accessible salmon run. It is an inadequate plan that leaves a mile of the river dry and releases only a small fraction of the past flow of the river. It is an inadequate plan that does not provide fish passage into the lake and upstream habitat.

The best plan would be to remove the Eklutna Dam and fully return the water flows that support the salmon and other river fisheries. The Native Village of Eklutna wants the river restored. Many Alaskans and those watching this unfold from outside Alaska support the removal of the dam and the restoration of the river. The salmon need a consistent supply of water and access to spawning areas in order to recover.

I see you are proposing the removal of the dam a decade from now, but that may be too late. I support removing it sooner.

Thank you for your consideration.