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Hello, dear fellow alaskans,

I URGE ALL OF YOU, WHO ARE CONSIDERING CHANGING THE EXISTING WAY THE EKLUTNA POWER PLANT OPERATES, TO RECONSIDER.

IN AN AGE WHERE EVERYONE IS CALLING FOR CLEAN ENERGY, TO CONSIDER GETTING RID OF A WONDERFULLY WORKING POWER PLANT THAT SUPPLIES ABOUT 6% OF ANCHORAGE'S POWER NEEDS DOES NOT SEEM WISE.

THE DRINKING WATER IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT FACTOR. AS WE ALL KNOW, WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL YEARS WHERE THE WATER LEVELS HAVE DROPPED CONSIDERABLY. WITH THE CHANGES THAT ARE PROPOSED IT COULD GET WORSE, WHEN WE GET MORE DRY SUMMERS. THE NUMBER OF SALMON, THAT WOULD POTENTIALLY BE ABLE TO MAKE IT TO THE LAKE, AND REPRODUCE SEEMS VERY SMALL, IN THE COMPARISON TO THE COST OF THE PROPOSED PLANS. Per study personnel, the estimated salmon run achieved by these proposed alternatives, is between 200 and 1,000 salmon per year. With a projected annual cost of \$2.8 Million this means the cost per salmon will range from \$14,000 to \$2,800 per salmon. In addition the small run will not be able to provide a sustainable food source. To ensure longevity of the run most salmon must be allowed to spawn and bag limits on the Eklutna river will be very small.

This change impacts all railbelt customers and requires increased electrical generation using less efficient and clean power sources.

Mitigations and enhancements are found to have an unfavorable cost to benefit ratio. Continued operation of the Eklutna hydroelectric plant, Eklutna dam, and AWWU water source is recommended to continue as is.

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING BEING WISE STUARTS OF OUR GREAT LAND AND RESOURCES.

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