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To: [Sam Owen](#)
Subject: Opposition to Eklutna Dam Removal
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my extreme opposition to the removal of the Eklutna dam. The claimed benefit of the “return of the salmon run” is idiotic, as any salmon that would have returned to spawn would have been hatched prior to the dam’s placement. (Please read up on salmon life cycles.)

I also oppose the acceptance of letters of support for the dam’s removal from parties outside of Alaska. Such “support” is being claimed by individuals whose lives would have no direct impact from reduced hydroelectric power generation and should have no voice in actions that put local residents’ electricity reliability at risk.

I am a 30+ year resident of the Thunderbird Heights community near Eklutna and member of Matanuska Electric Association Coop.

My expectation is that you resoundingly reject any proposed action to remove the Eklutna dam.

Sincerely,
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