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I have reviewed the positions of various parties regarding the Eklutna Water and Power project currently serving the Railbelt and Anchorage with clean water and renewable power. The utilities proposal to rewater several miles of the river is a practical and sufficient mitigation for improving habitat for several salmon species.

The importance of the dam to store water for public water supply and clean renewable electricity to hundreds thousands of people outweighs the destruction of the dam to admit red salmon to the same watershed. Four other species of salmon will likely be enhanced by modifying releases below the existing dam. This does not harm the water supply or energy production as much as destroying the means of water storage and is a reasonable measure.

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