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Dear Owners of The Eklutna Hydroelectric Project,

I would like to say something about the Eklutna Hydroelectric Project's Draft Fish and Wildlife Program for the Eklutna River.

From what I can tell from reading the proposal, the project will not improve the salmon situation nor meet what the Eklutna Peoples would like to see done. It is a legal necessity for you make sure that the project does not have a negative effect on salmon or other wildlife, but it does not appear that your proposal will ensure that.

For instance, the current plan will leave a large section of the river without any water. How will that serve migrating salmon?!!! The fish need a consistently safe way to reach spawning habitat, and your plan does not offer that at all.

I would recommend a plan that looks toward a future that does not require this outdated dam and move toward a more appropriate solution, one that ensures that the river can once again support our wonderful Alaskan salmon. Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns.

Sincerely,
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