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To: Sam Owen

Subject: Comment on the Eklutna River Draft Fish and Wildlife Program

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Dear Owners of The Eklutna Hydroelectric Project,

The public does need more time to learn about, understand, and comment on this process. We have been urged to jump on one side of the issue, but this issue seems to be very complex and warrants a thorough understanding of the impacts of both removing the dam, and NOT removing the dam.

My questions include:

- -- If the dam is removed, where will Anchorage get its drinking water?
- -- If the dam is removed, will ground water supplies be tapped to supply Anchorage with water, and if so, what impacts could this have?
- -- If the dam is removed, how will flow be restored in a way that permits fish passage? My understanding is that currently the obstacle is not so much the dam, but the current removal of the water.
- -- If the dam is removed, will there be other environmentally taxing water development projects proposed as a trade-off?
- -- If the dam is not removed, is further degradation of the watershed forecasted?
- -- If the dam is not removed, does this further impact the village of Eklutna?
- -- Is there another method to compensate the village and people of Eklutna for their lost fishing grounds?

Thank you!

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