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I am writing in strong support of returning the Eklutna River to its original free-running state, from the lake to the inlet, as per the vision of the Native Village of Eklutna's proposal. I have reviewed the Eklutna Hydroelectric Project Draft Summary of Study Results, US Fish and Wildlife Service comments on the same, as well as the Native Village of Eklutna's vision and proposal per their 4 December 2023 letter to Samantha Owen. I was not able to attend any of the public presentations, though my sister was able to and gave me feedback.

By way of background, my family came to Alaska pre-statehood, and my husband and I maintain a home in Anchorage.

I understand the Assembly has requested a two year extension on the project plan process. I sincerely hope this is granted; and, if granted, there is an on-going communication with the public about this process.

I agree with Assemblyman, Kevin Cross' statement (from APM article dated 6 FEB 2024): "If you're a small, limited government human being like I am, then you should be very concerned and angry about what we did to Native Village of Eklutna – just, honestly," he said. "Now, we've been very blessed and we've benefited from it ever since. Anchorage has benefitted wildly from the wrongs we have created. It's not a justification for why we can't move forward."

There's far too little of his thinking in government agencies and elected officials. I believe moving forward means returning the river back to its original state.

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