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The recent media attention regarding the relicensing of the Eklutna Hydro Project prompted me to read more about this source of renewable energy.

The Draft Fish and Wildlife Program document is impressive in the magnitude of planning and study that went into its creation starting back in 2019. The 8 points the Governor must consider listed in the 1991 Agreement seemed to guide the process and were addressed.

After reviewing the Draft Program it is evident that it was a long and well thought out process. Inclusion of many interested parties is evident in documents created throughout the lengthy project.

The Eklutna Hydro Project website is informative, detailed and impressive. Any question I had was answered here. I would encourage any interested party to explore all the information offered.

Ultimately, I believe the southcentral community will be better off with keeping the Eklutna project and dam intact. It is apparent the utility owners have written the Draft Program with thoughtful research based consideration guiding their proposal for returning water to the Eklutna River and creation of fish habitat.

At this late point in the relicensing process dam removal and eliminating a renewable energy source doesn't seem like a prudent or fiscally responsible option for rate payers.

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I would also anticipate that interested groups would continue their endeavors to remove and replace the dam with renewable energy sources. I would hope that this would be accomplished by keeping the utility rate payers whole through finding alternative funding sources to accomplish this undertaking.