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Subject: New Message From Eklutna Hydro - CONTACT US
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Hello,

I'm writing to submit my opposition to the utilities' recommended option called the "portal valve alternative". This option has some unknown impacts on anchorage's drinking water system, plus it has know impacts on preventing salmon access to eklutna lake and its tributaries.

I much prefer the alternative suggested by the native village of eklutna and others that recommend full eklutna dam removal in 10 years or so once other energy sources come online to replace some of the loss of hydroelectric generation. Its a conservative proposal that addresses most concerns.

I remember when utilities proposed a hydro electric project on the snow river in the kenai peninsula a few years back. The public response was clear: we didnt want to SACRIFICE a salmon fishery for electricity. I believe the same applies to eklutna.

Additionally, many groups have worked to open up and enhance salmon habitat in upper cook inlet, including the Mat-su Bourough (fish passage culvert program), mat-subasin salmon habitat partnership, and the Mat-su fish and wildlife commission as a small sample. The portal valve alternative counteracts all these efforts, the NVE proposal doesnt.

Finally, as a fisher and recreational user of eklutna lake, i want to see a restoration of this ecological system to what it was. Additionally, with the closed door negotiations the utilities have done with the A.W.W.U. I dont exactly trust my utility these days. If it quacks like a duck...

I oppose the portal valve alternative for these reasons, and suggest you forward the native village of eklutna proposal and restore the full length of the eklutna river by removing the eklutna lake dam and allow full access to the eklutna lake and tributories to anadromous fish.

Please make my comments part of the public record. Thank you.

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