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Mike Dunleavy, Governor
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 110001
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Subject: Eklutna Hydroelectric Project Final Fish and Wildlife Program

Dear Governor Dunleavy:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) appreciates your August 15, 2024, invitation seeking input on the Eklutna Hydropower Owner's proposed Fish and Wildlife Program (Program) for the Eklutna Hydroelectric Project (Project). You have invited us to attend a meeting on September 9, 2024, with the stated purpose of providing information to assist in fulfilling your responsibilities under the Agreement – to review the proposed Program and attempt to reconcile differences – and to obtain additional information from the Parties to Agreement and the Native Village of Eklutna concerning the Owner's final proposed Program and subsequent comments.

You requested each of the parties and the Native Village of Eklutna provide a legal brief addressing specific questions to share each entities perspective. The Service's responses to the specific questions are listed in the enclosed brief. Our perspectives on the proposed Owner's Program are detailed in our comment letter, June 24, 2024, and are reflected in the attached responses. We look forward to engaging in further discussion during the upcoming meeting.

Sincerely,

Sara Boario
Regional Director

Enclosure