

Eklutna Draft IIP Comment Form

Agencies and interested parties can use this form to submit comments on the Draft Initial Information Package (IIP) for the Eklutna Hydroelectric Project. Please email the completed form to Samantha Owen at owen@mcmjac.com.

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Section, Page, Paragraph	Comment	Reference Document
Section 4	No mention of downstream sediment transport monitoring during peak spills (1995, 1,022 cfs) or during the longest spill (74 days, 1997).	
Section 4	Has there been an updated storage capacity for Eklutna Lake, considering the amount of sediment that is trapped behind the present dam? Any monitoring of sediment accretion?	Loso et al., 2017.
Section 5	No mention of how the diversion of water away from the Lower Eklutna habitat may be affecting fire risk or risk of spruce bark-beetle infestation.	
Section 5, page 85	Should water chemistry of the lake be taken into account when allowing spill over for salmon?	
Section 5, Table 5-9	Are the fish that are currently returning, to the Lower Eklutna and to Thunderbird Creek, straying from the tail race hatchery?	
Section 5, page 103 (?)	Indicates that there are no ESA listed species in the project area. Are there no steelhead or even bald eagles?	
Section 5	Ice climbing and rock climbing were not reported as activities that exist within the Eklutna watershed.	

Section 6	Are there any plans to allow lamprey to access Eklutna Lake? Is there any historical presence? They require different fish-passage needs than salmon (ex. rounded corners on fish-ladders).	