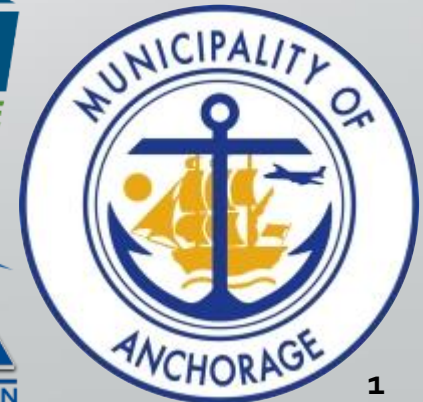




Eklutna Hydroelectric Project Fish & Wildlife Agreement

Anchorage Assembly
Enterprise and Utility Oversight Committee
February 17, 2022



Agenda

- Provide update on activities since October 2021
 - Expanded Project Team
 - Technical Work Groups
 - November TWG Meetings
 - Proposed Year 2 Study Program Framework
- Study Reporting and Planning Schedule
- Q&A

Just a reminder...

The 1991 F&W Agreement requires the project owners to...

1. Study the impact of the hydroelectric project on fish and wildlife.
2. Develop proposals for the protection, mitigation, and enhancement of fish and wildlife affected by such hydroelectric development.
3. Consider the impact of fish and wildlife measures on electric rate payers, municipal water utilities, recreational users, and adjacent land use.
4. Evaluate ways to mitigate those impacts.

Expanded Project Team

- New technical experts in wetlands, wildlife, recreation, and cultural resources
- Conducted site visits in September and October 2021



Technical Work Groups

Entity	Aquatics	Terrestrial	Recreation	Cultural
Native Village of Eklutna	x	x	x	x
Alaska Department of Fish and Game	x	x	x	
ADNR Chugach State Park			x	
ADNR Office of History and Archaeology				x
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	x	x		x
National Marine Fisheries Service	x			
Trout Unlimited	x		x	
Alaska Pacific University	x	x		
Hydropower Project Owners	x	x	x	x

November TWG Meetings

- Preliminary results from year 1 studies
- Proposed study program framework for year 2



Proposed Year 2 Study Program Framework

Studies Continued from Year 1	New Studies Initiated in Year 2
Geomorphology and Sediment Transport Study	Engineering Feasibility and Cost Assessment
Instream Flow Study	Hydro Valuation Study
Eklutna River Fish Species Composition and Distribution Study	Wetlands and Wildlife Habitat Study
Lake Aquatic Habitat and Fish Utilization Study	Terrestrial Wildlife Studies
Water Quality Study	Recreation Study
Stream Gaging	Cultural Resources Study

Study Reporting and Planning Schedule

- **February 11** –
 - Distributed the draft year 1 study reports to the appropriate TWGs
 - Distributed the draft year 2 study plans to the TWGs and parties
- **March 11** – Comment deadline
- **Week of March 21** – TWG meetings
- **April 1** – Distribute Proposed Final Study Plans to parties

Study Reporting and Planning Schedule

- **April 15** –
 - Deadline to receive state concurrence letters for year 2 study plans
 - Then submit to AEA as the governor's representative
- **April 29** –
 - Deadline to receive federal concurrence letters for year 2 study plans
 - And any feedback from AEA on year 2 study plans
- **May 13** – Finalize year 1 study reports and year 2 study plans and upload to the project website (www.eklutnahydro.com)

Questions?

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