# Eklutna Fish & Wildlife Program Chugach BOD Meeting

Special Board of Directors' Meeting February 12, 2024



#### **111** Public Comments

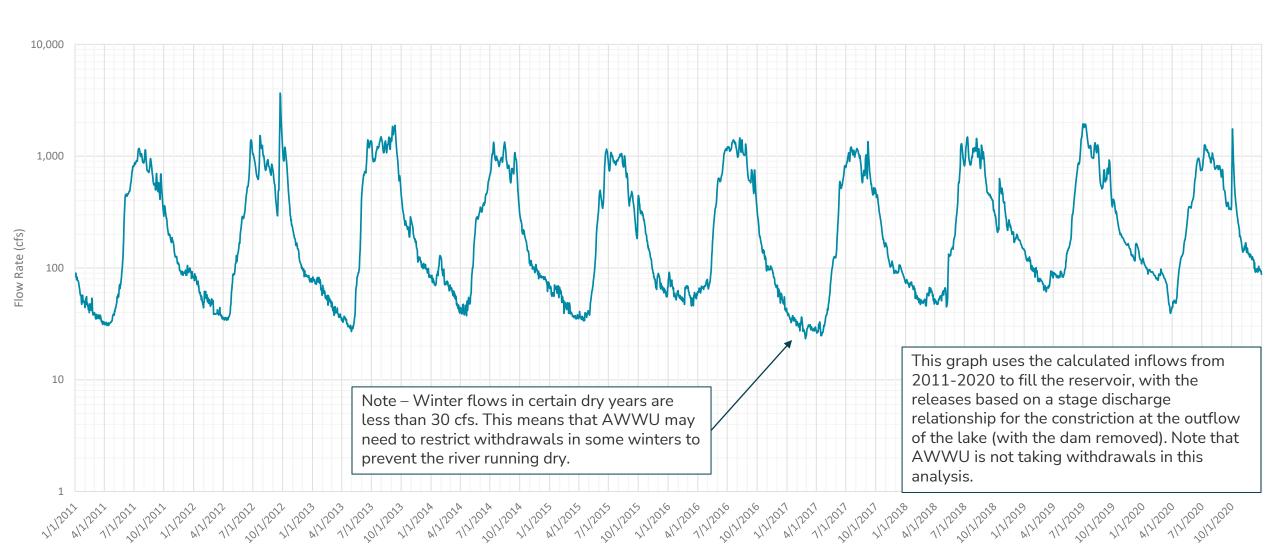
- Public Meetings
  - About 40-50 people attended each afternoon meeting
  - About 15-20 people attended each evening meeting
- Summary of public comments (so far)
  - Anti dam removal
    - ~90 individual comments
  - Pro dam removal
    - ~90 individual comments
    - ~380 form letters
      - ~80 are from CEA/MEA service area
      - ~300 are from out of service area (275 are from out of state)

#### 111 Dam/Project Removal

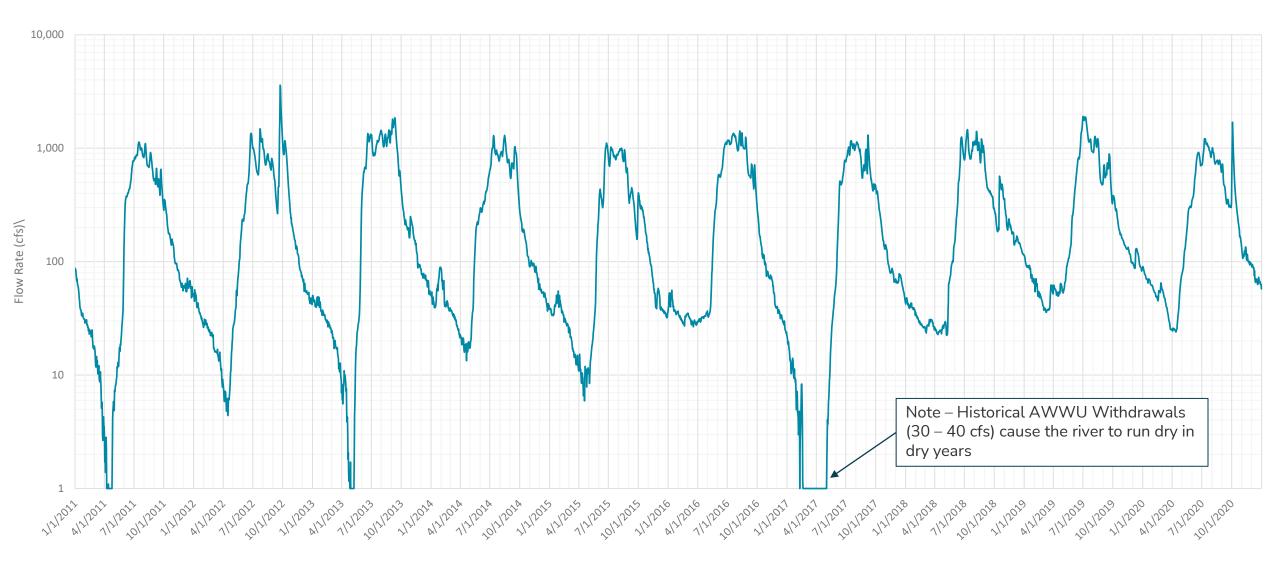
The Native Village of Eklutna has proposed to remove the dam/project in 10 years after replacing it with another renewable energy source

- Without the dam or hydro project, flows in the Eklutna River would be...
  - ~1200 cfs every July/August, ~2000 cfs every few years, ~4000 cfs every 10 years
- AWWU's pipeline is buried for 6 miles under/adjacent to the Eklutna riverbed
  - Significant scour impacts to the water supply pipeline would be likely
  - Hydro project owners legally cannot negatively impact the public water supply
- Significant impacts to the downstream railroad and highway bridges would also be likely
- The Project Owners are conducting a more detailed assessment of dam removal which will be included in the Proposed Final Program

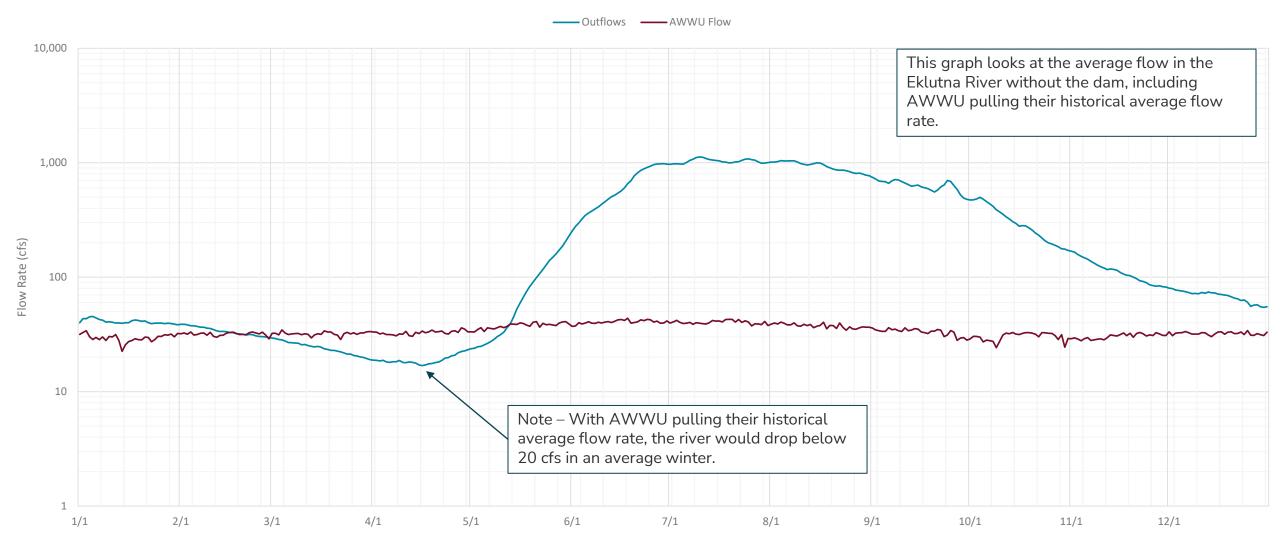
### Eklutna River Flows in 2011-2020 if there had been no Dam/Hydro Project and no AWWU Withdrawals



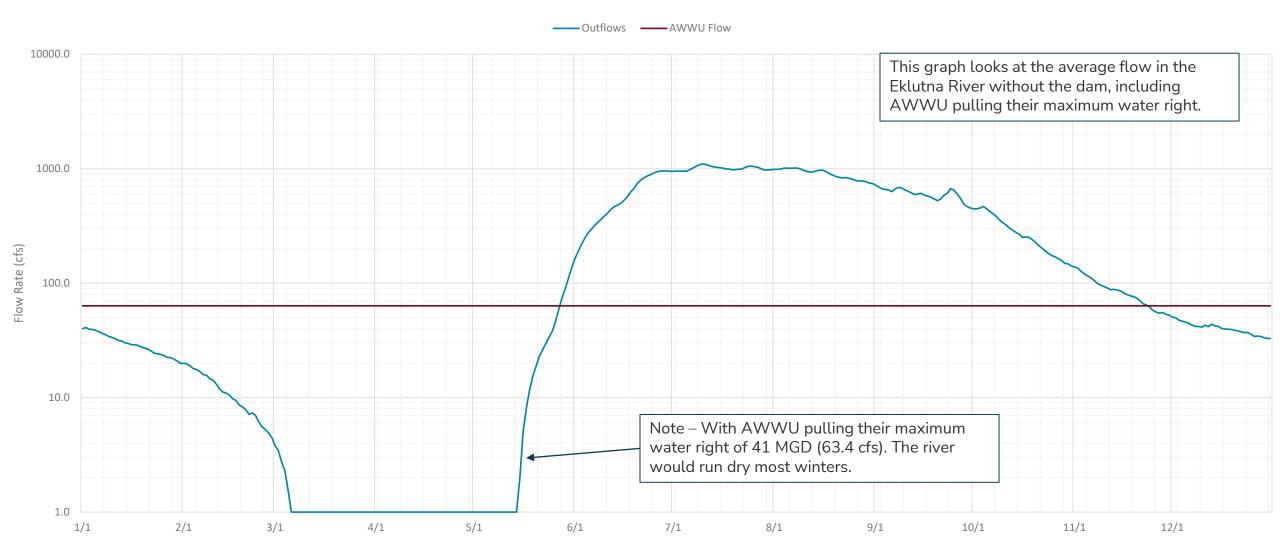
## Eklutna River Flows in 2011-2020 if there had been no Dam/Hydro Project but there had been Historical AWWU Withdrawals



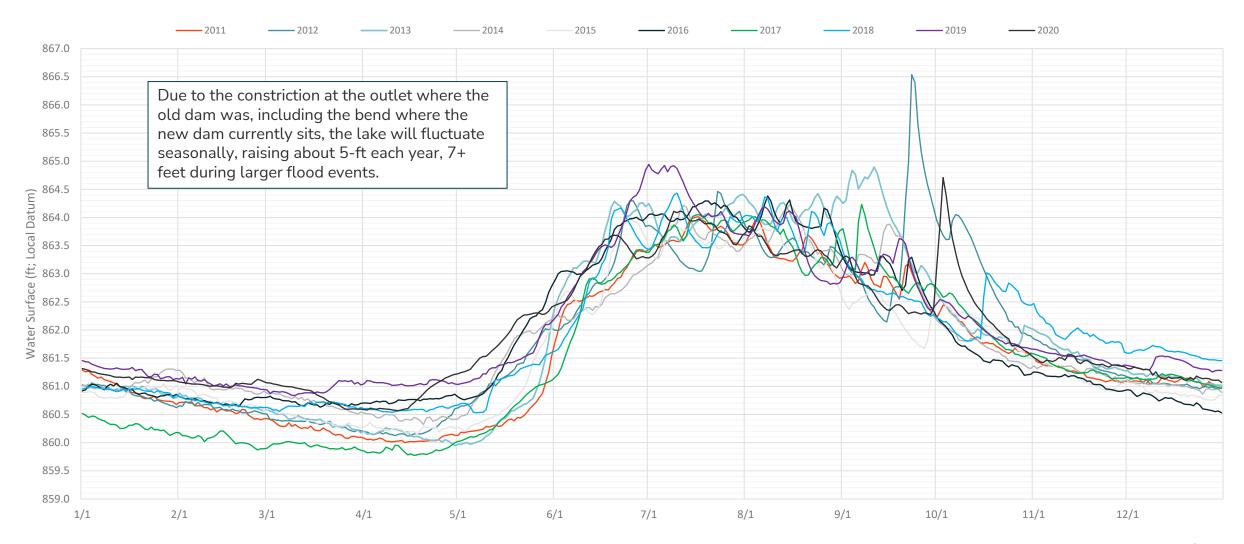
## Average Eklutna River Flows with no Dam/Hydro Project and with Historical AWWU Withdrawals



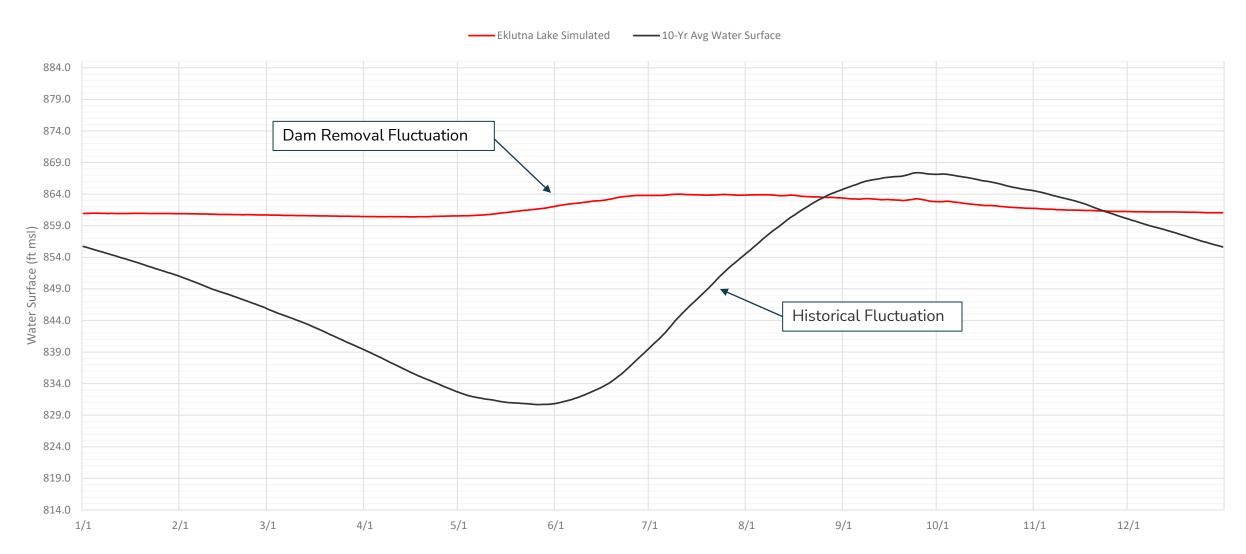
# Average Eklutna River Flows with no Dam/Hydro Project but with Maximum AWWU Withdrawals (based on current water right)



## Eklutna Lake Levels in 2011-2020 if there had been no Dam/Hydro Project but there had been Historical AWWU Withdrawals



## Average Eklutna Lake Level with no Dam/Hydro Project but with Historical AWWU Withdrawals



#### M Governor must give equal consideration to:

- 1. Purposes of efficient and economical power production
- 2. Energy conservation
- 3. Protection, mitigation of damage to, and enhancement of fish and wildlife
- 4. Protection of recreation opportunities
- 5. Municipal water supplies
- 6. Preservation of other aspects of environmental quality
- 7. Other beneficial public uses
- 8. Requirements of State law