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Death to a deadbeat dam

A 61-foot dam
that helped kill
off Eklutna
River salmon
runs will finally
be removed.
Will the fish
return one day?

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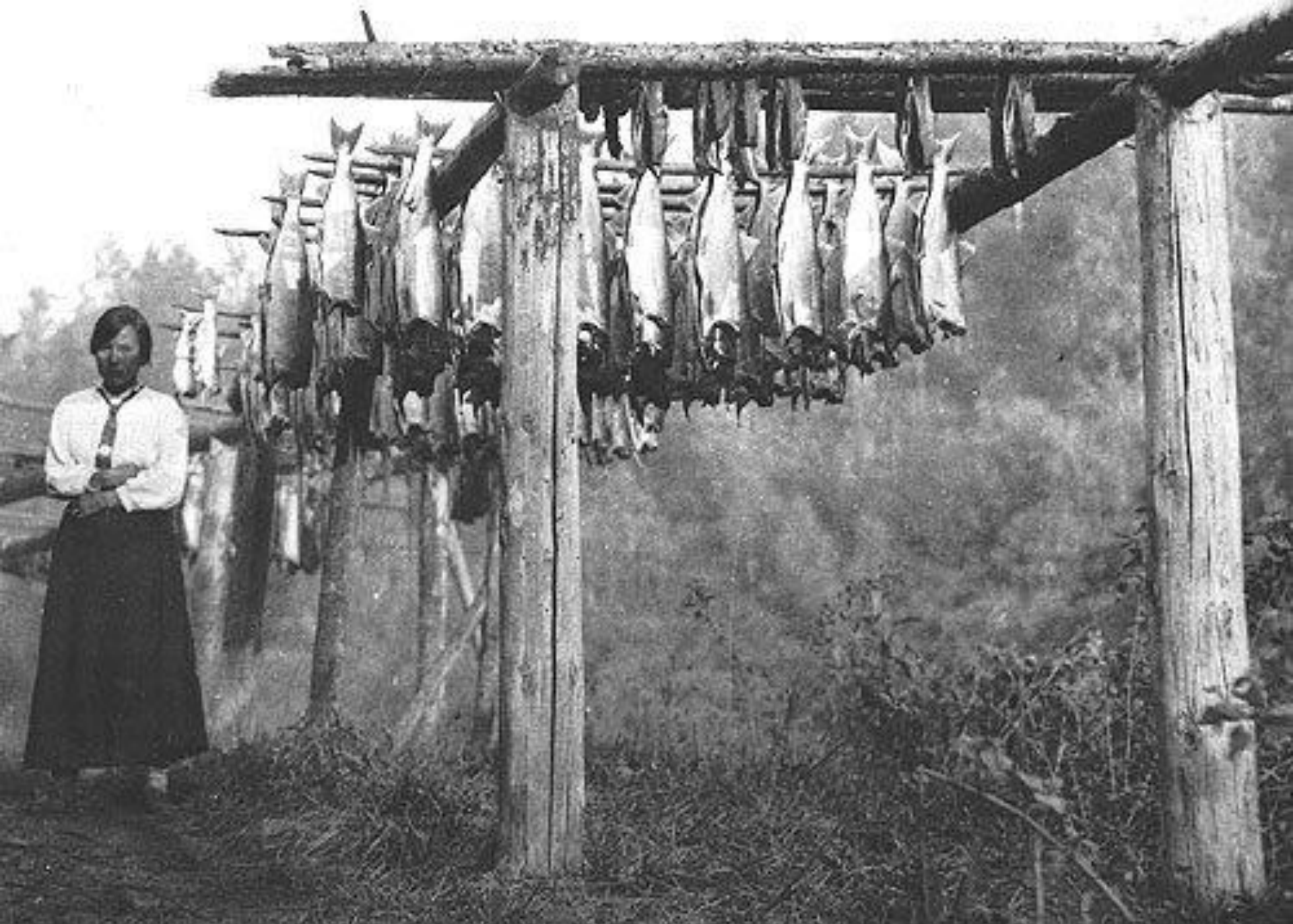
The Eklutna River is the largest clearwater river in Cook Inlet north of the Kenai River

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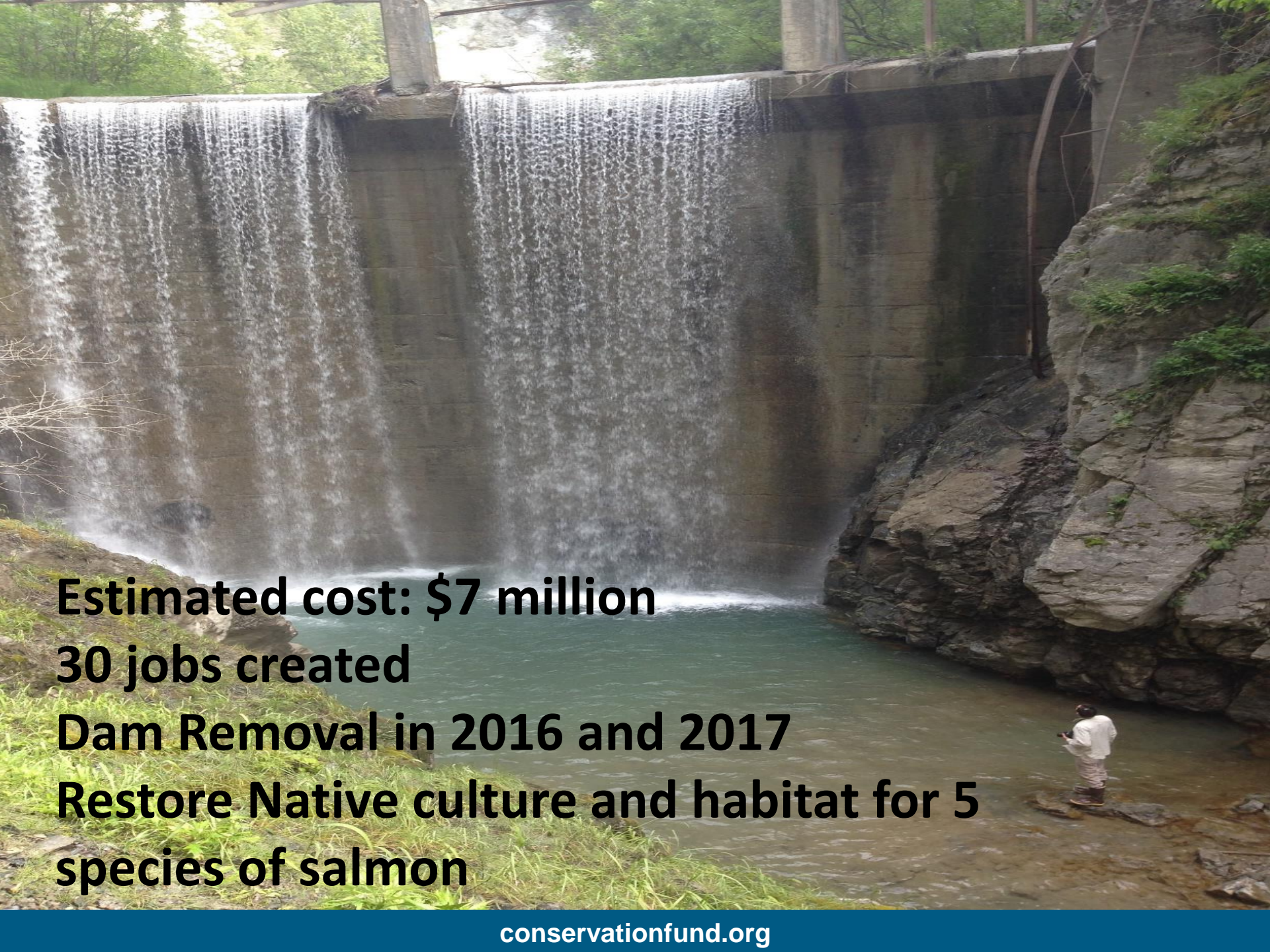


Native Village of Eklutna is the oldest settlement in Southcentral Alaska

Largest landowner in Anchorage







Estimated cost: \$7 million

30 jobs created

Dam Removal in 2016 and 2017

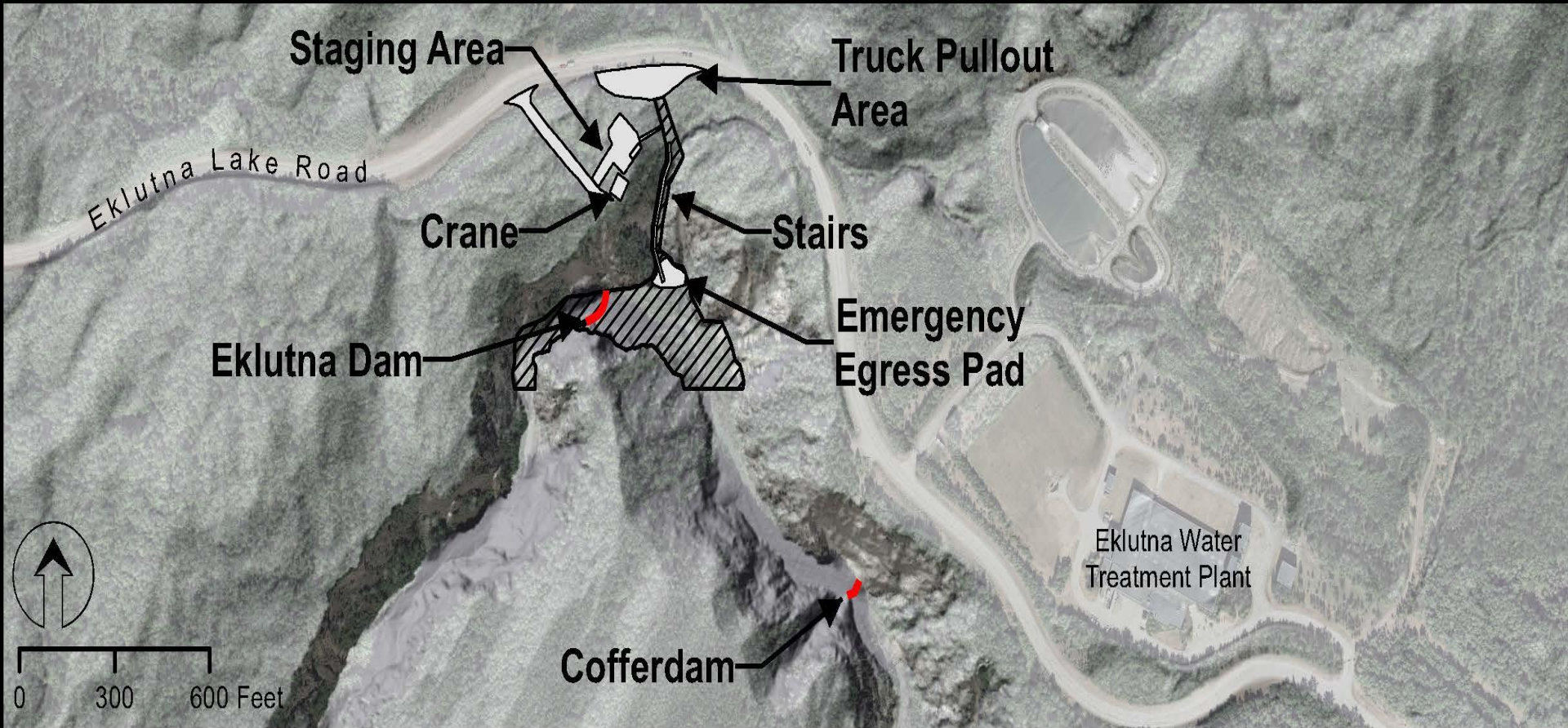
**Restore Native culture and habitat for 5
species of salmon**



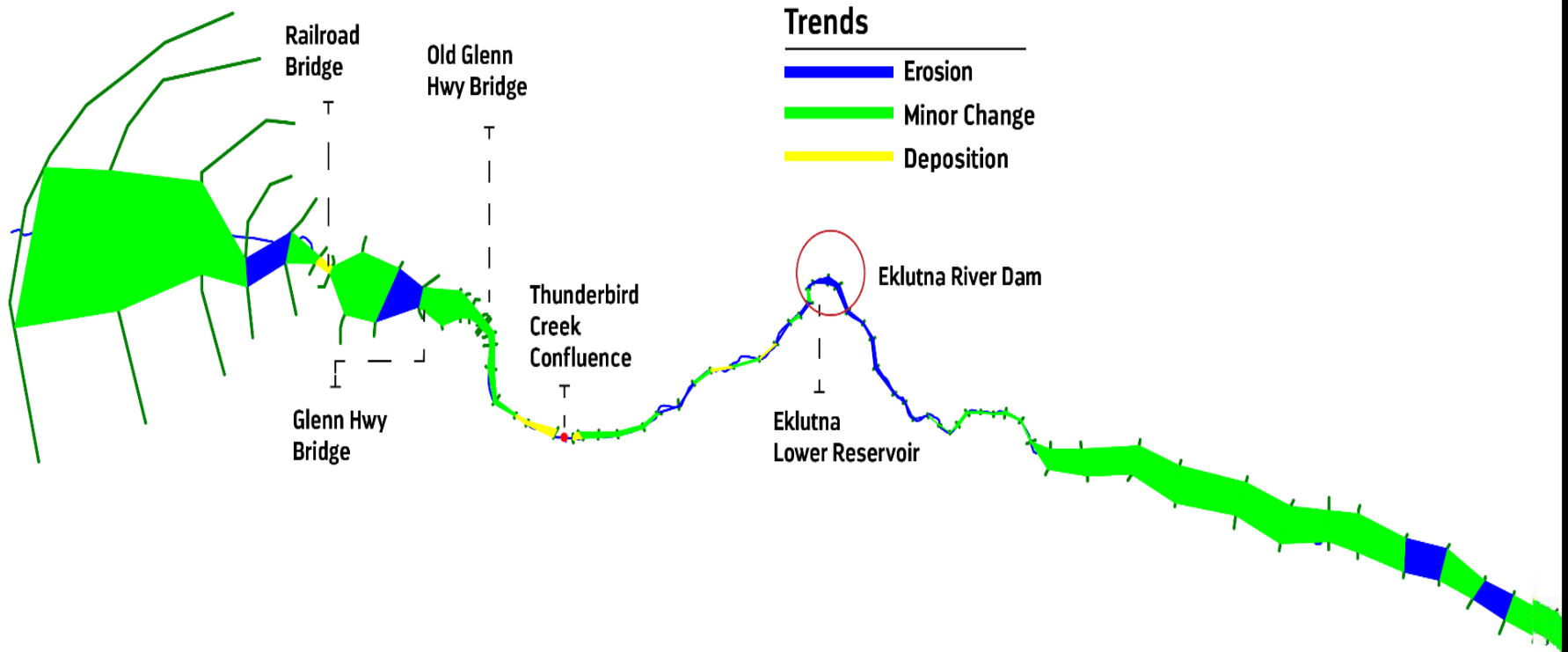


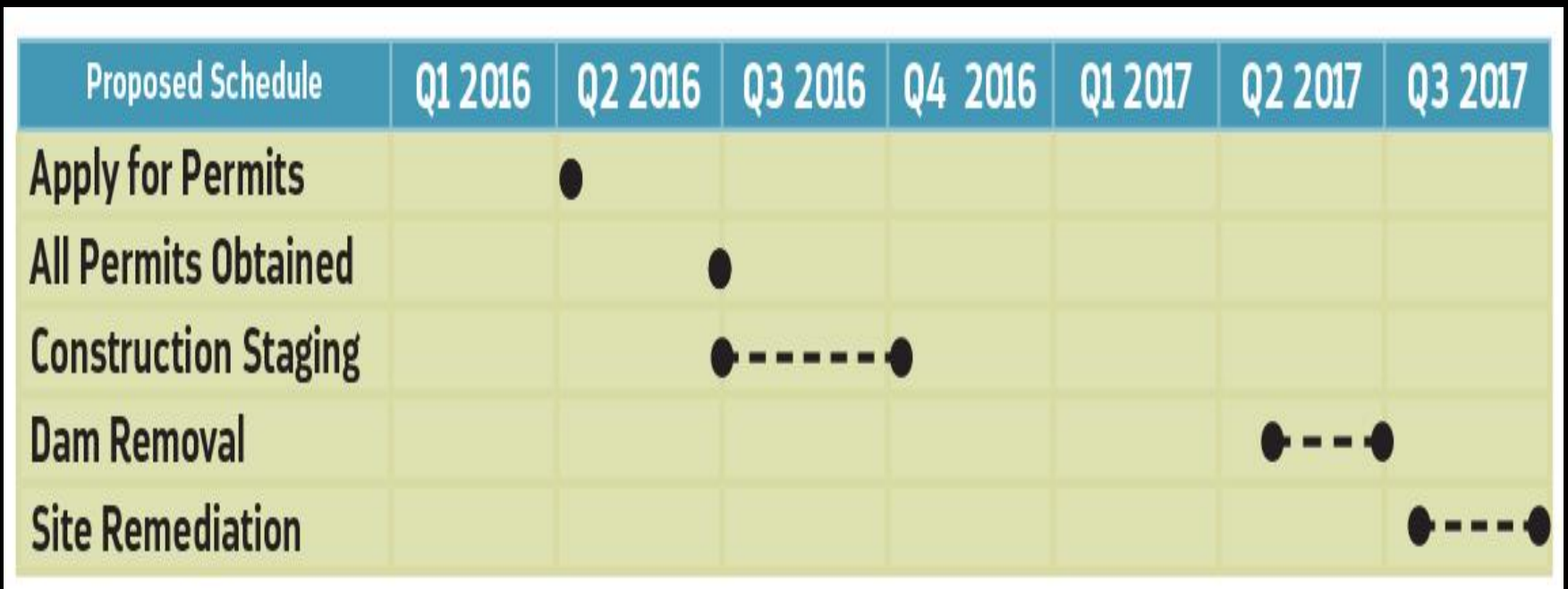


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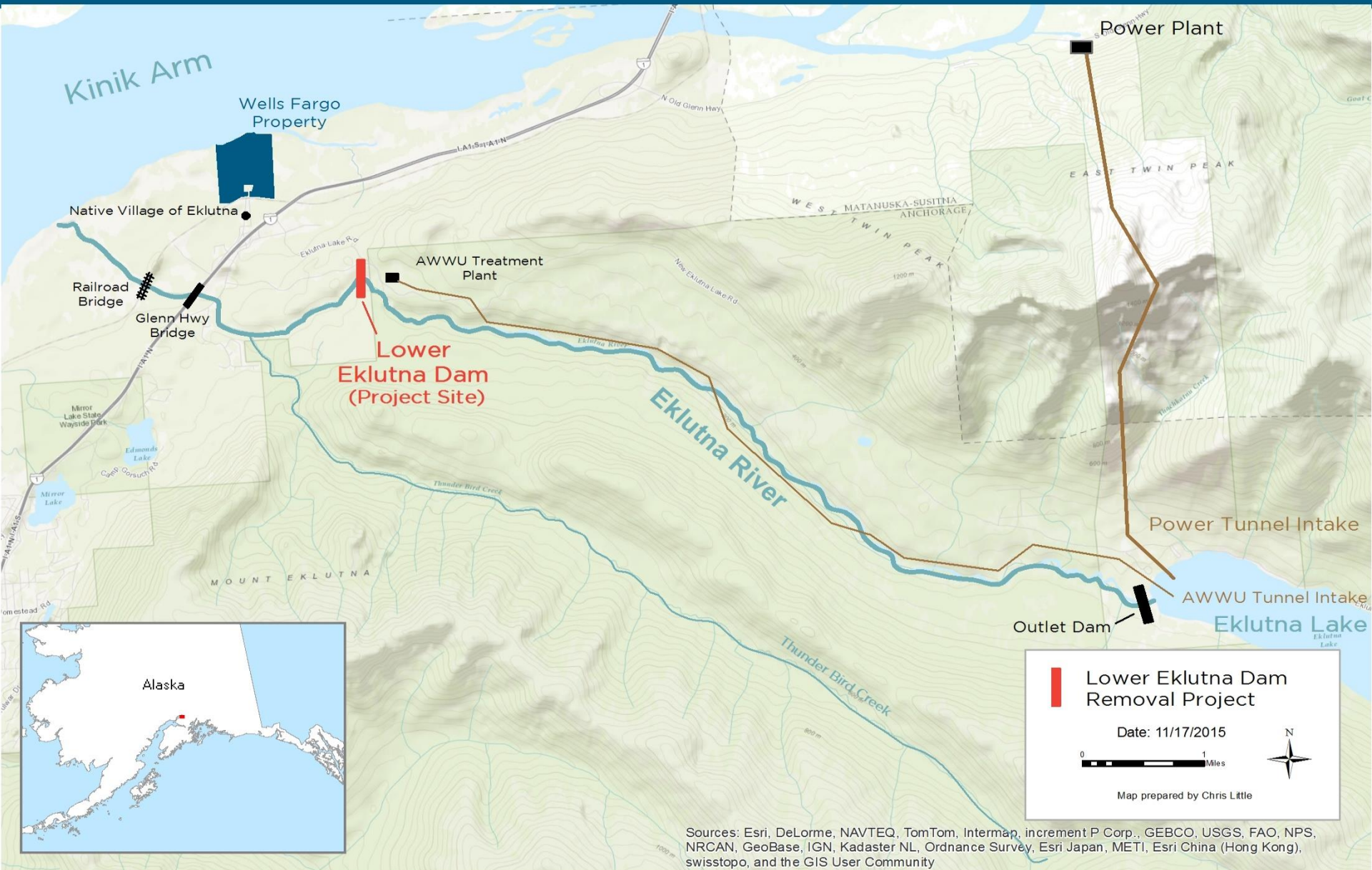




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Eklutna Dam Removal



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August 7, 1991

**Fish and Wildlife Agreement
Snettisham and Eklutna Projects**

**Municipality of Anchorage
d/b/a Anchorage Municipal Light and Power**

Chugach Electric Association, Inc.

Matanuska Electric Association, Inc.

Alaska Energy Authority

**United States Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service**

**United States Department of Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service**

State of Alaska

“During initial reviews of the legislative proposal, **one significant problem was identified; namely, loss of a Sockeye salmon run that once spawned in Eklutna Lake.** The loss was caused by a small private power development constructed in 1929. This problem was not identified in pre-authorization studies for the Federal Eklutna Project and the Federal project does not include any mitigation. This specific problem and the desires of the fish and wildlife agencies to provide appropriate consideration to fish and wildlife resources over the long run led first to recommendation that the two projects be placed under FERC jurisdiction; and subsequently to the August 7, 1991 Agreement that provides a process similar to FERC’s but without a requirement for Federal regulation.”

Environmental Assessment for the Sale of the Eklutna Project, March 1992, Department of Energy





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Dewatering a salmon river is UNACCEPTABLE

Hydro power is not renewable energy if
it kills the ultimate renewable --
SALMON