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Dear Ron:

I just received your letter relative to my article which appeared in Catalyst magazine and appreciate your critique of my remarks on the Susitna dam project.

I particularly appreciated your synopsis of the projected impact the hydroelectric facility may have on the Susitna river fishery and the need for further study of the situation before full construction can get underway.

In that regard I must be advised on three matters. First, how much money is required to conduct the required fishery impact study in the upper and lower Susitna River drainages. Second, of the total amount of money that is needed, what is the break down on amounts and sources from which it can be obtained? Specifically, how much can be made available for such a study from ADF & G, how much can be counted on from National Marine Fisheries Service, and finally how much must come from the Corp of Engineers.

Third, what is the time frame involved in this type of fishery impact study? Can you give me an idea of how extensive this type of study is, what it entails and, most importantly, how much time it will require?

If you can provide me answers to these questions at your earliest possible convenience, it will enable us to do what we can to ensure the appropriate study of the impact

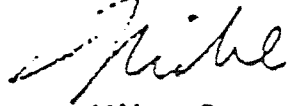
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on the Susitna fishery is carried out while at the same time ensuring that work on the Susitna project is not unduly delayed.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,



Mike Gravel

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