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Dear Department of Ecology,

You are probably as concerned as I am about the proposed FRE dam on the upper Chehalis River. Based on the DEIS, the project would cause significant and unavoidable harm to salmon and steelhead, including major losses of Spring Chinook, Coho, Fall Chinook, and Steelhead populations. Once damaged, these habitats cannot be replaced.

You are likely also concerned about the scale and cost of the proposed structure, as well as the unresolved safety and geotechnical risks identified in the DEIS. At an estimated \$1.3–\$2.3 billion, the dam would offer limited benefits while putting the river's ecological health and the communities that rely on it at long-term risk.

You are aware that more effective, less damaging flood-reduction approaches already exist, including the Local Actions Non-Dam Alternative. You can lead Ecology in pursuing these solutions instead of the proposed dam.

Thank you in advance for making a wise decision..

Sincerely,
Peggy J. Printz