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I strongly oppose the construction of a dam on the Chehalis River. First of all, it's a pretty silly idea due to the fact that all over western Washington there are projects REMOVING dams. Doesn't make a whole lot of sense to spend millions upon millions to remove them because they're creating issues while on the other hand, proposing to construct a new one. Second, the river has been a geological feature since time immemorial, the folks who build businesses in the flood plain ought to have exercised common sense to not build within known flood areas. There is a reason for FEMA flood maps. While those may not have been drawn before, I know for certain there have businesses constructed after those flood plains were identified. Private businesses and residences are not public emergencies. Lastly, as a Chehalis tribal member, I oppose damming the river and the down line consequences that could occur. The water WILL go somewhere, you're just moving the problem from area to another. This isn't a viable solution and will cost too much in tax payer funds and environmental issues.

Thank you for your time.

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