

# Lise Grace

To the Department of Ecology,

I am concerned about the proposed FRE dam on the upper Chehalis River. The project would cause significant and unavoidable harm to salmon and steelhead, including major losses of Spring Chinook, Coho, Fall Chinook, and Steelhead populations, according to the DEIS. This stretch of the river is one of the Basin's key spawning areas - habitats that cannot be replaced. Furthermore, the scale and cost of the proposed structure, as well as the unresolved safety and geotechnical risks identified in the DEIS, are deeply concerning. At an estimated \$1.3–\$2.3 billion, the dam would offer limited flood-mitigating benefits while putting the river's ecological health and the communities that rely on it at long-term risk.

More effective, less damaging flood-reduction approaches already exist, including the Local Actions Non-Dam Alternative. I urge Ecology to pursue these solutions instead of the proposed dam.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Thank you,  
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