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To: Department of Ecology,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed flow-through dam and temporary reservoir along the upper Chehalis River.

The Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIS) indicates that the construction and operation of the proposed flow-through dam and temporary reservoir would result in significant adverse impacts across a broad range of resources, including aquatic and terrestrial habitats, fish and wildlife, cultural resources, Tribal interests, and various public services, infrastructure, and environmental health factors."

Specifically, the RDEIS indicates that this project would cause a significant reduction of the populations of salmon and steelhead, since this location of the river is a critical spawning area.

In addition the dam is expected to be extremely expensive (estimated cost is \$1.3–\$2.3 billion) and there are very significant safety and geotechnical risks described in the RDEIS that are unresolved.

More effective and less ecologically damaging flood-reduction approaches already exist and are elucidated in the "Local Actions" Alternative consisting of localized and nonstructural actions.

In summary, I strongly suggest that the Department of Ecology reject the flow-through dam (and temporary reservoir) and support the use of the "Local Actions" Alternative consisting of localized and nonstructural actions that would help retain floodwaters and reduce flood-related damage.

I thank you for your time reading my comment.  
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