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This proposed dam would permanently block one of the last free rivers in Washington. As a water resources engineer, and a fisherman that enjoys rivers that still allow salmon and steelhead returns, I opposed this new dam.

This dam won't stop major flooding, such as we've recently seen, but will destroy habitat, and will require expensive construction and maintenance costs for little return. Nature-based flood solutions are available and should be utilized. Restoring floodplains, improving existing infrastructure, and investing in resilience is a better solution. Dams inevitably and irrevocably change the sediment regime of rivers with many unintended consequences, that all eventually require the dam to be removed. This is a poor short-term solution and should be rejected by those of us who are directly impacted by this proposed project.