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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed flood retention facility (dam) on the Chehalis River. I am deeply concerned that this project will further jeopardize the survival of our endangered Southern Resident Orcas.

The Revised Draft EIS clearly states that the project will have "significant and unavoidable" impacts on Chinook salmon. Because the Chehalis River Chinook are a priority food source for the Southern Residents, any project that risks the extinction of these runs is a direct threat to the orcas themselves. We cannot hope to recover our orca population while simultaneously destroying the very river systems that feed them.

I urge the Department of Ecology and the Flood District to abandon the dam proposal and instead focus on Local Actions Non-Dam (LAND) alternatives, such as:

- Restoring natural floodplain functions.
- Moving vulnerable homes and businesses out of the flood zone.
- Investing in the Aquatic Species Restoration Plan (ASRP) to rebuild salmon runs.

We need flood solutions that work with nature, not against it. Please protect the Chehalis River, its salmon, and our orcas by denying this dam.

Sincerely,
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