

## Jerry Myers

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed Chehalis Flood Control Dam. I am opposed to this project for the following reasons. 1- This project would create additional stresses to salmon and steelhead by eliminating productive habitat, both in stream and adjacent riparian areas. 2- Dams like the one proposed for flood control, are an attempt to treat in the short term, a long term problem. Land use issues allowing risky development in flood zones and poor stewardship of natural river processes are the actual long term problem on the Chehalis and need to be reassessed to bring healthy river processes back to the basin. Dams are tools that grow obsolete, require ongoing expensive maintenance and lose valuable storage due to sedimentation. 3 - I have spent some wonderful days on this spectacular and unique river and those intrinsic values are becoming more valuable as free flowing rivers become fewer and fewer over the decades. Please, let's not ruin another blessing under the guise of helping mankind. Thank you. Jerry Myers