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I oppose building a dam on the Chehalis River, one of the last free-flowing salmon rivers in Washington state. This means it still has floodplains, wetlands, side channels, and cold clean water, the things that produce wild Chinook salmon. Our Southern Resident orcas need Chinook salmon to survive. How can we save our orcas if we don't protect their food supply?

The state's own EIS says it would harm salmon and increase water temperatures.

Rather than wasting our state funds on a dam, please look at better options on flood control such as:

Floodplain restoration;

Wetland recovery; Setback levees; and Voluntary buyouts of flood-prone homes