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The chehalis river is a the second largest river in Washington state and a major Pacific Northwest salmon stream. It is also a place of a rare tidal surge notable for a species-rich wetland plain. Clearly this dam would create untold harm to both wildlife and forestry including salmon and steelhead runs with wide negative economic impact.

The historical negative impacts of dams is a reason why many are now being removed. Building new large dams is contrary to modern hydrological management.