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To the Department of Ecology;

The Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project threatens to abrogate one of the very last free-flowing salmon-spawning rivers in Washington. The idea that the state would just throw this environmental gem away and to the detriment of the salmon, seals and orcas downstream not to mention to tribal relations boggles the mind. And that Washington would contemplate this less than 2 years after the removal of the Mill Creek Settling Basin Dam begs the question: WHY? Is this just the push-me-pull-you of politics in the state insuring that real change never actually occurs, or only occurs to the detriment of the environment for the sake of protection of real estate. It all seems to be just a strange and wasteful Kubuki performance of respooling errors so that we can yet recommit to them?

Please, No dams on the Chehalis River. Let us help the salmon of the Chehalis recover instead of pushing for their diminishment or worse.

Thank you for your consideration,
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