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It is difficult to imagine why we are considering putting a dam on the Chehalis River. This is only going to benefit properties that have already demonstrated a willingness and ability to deal with the flooding of the river. In addition, if they are willing to build in a flood zone, they should be willing to deal with the consequences.

It has been repeatedly and clearly demonstrated in other watersheds that a dam like this is detrimental to many species, but primarily salmonids. So the proposal is to spend millions to the detriment of species that are already struggling. Yes, there are undeniable local economic benefits to building the dam, but it is clear that most of these benefits to the economy are short term, where the detriment to the environment is basically forever. This is another example of a project where the proponents "know the price of everything, and the value of nothing."

Please reject this proposal in its entirety, there is no adequate mitigation possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.