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We know the effects of dams on ecosystems (heinous for fish and wildlife) and as a society we are tearing dams down, not building them. While flood risk is important to consider for downstream communities, there are viable alternatives that don't involve building dams. Why don't you introduce some beavers into the waterways that build natural dams instead? They provide salmon habitat, help control water flows, and recharge groundwater. They're a much more affordable option than building a giant concrete wall in the middle of a free flowing river. Does the community want this dam? Did you consult the tribes and listen?

As a long time Washington State resident, I DON'T want my tax dollars to be spent on a billion+ dollar dam. I do not support building this dam. However, I do support alternatives that can provide a win-win (flood control and salmon habitat aka beaver reintroduction).