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I am writing in opposition to the proposed dam on the upper Chehalis River. It's clear, even from the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), that there would be significant harm to various salmon and steelhead populations.

Additionally, the estimated cost for this project is huge, and yet there's no proof that the few benefits that might come from the construction could possibly outweigh the harm to the river's health, the fish population, or the human population/communities that rely on this river.

Since there are other options for flood reduction that offer far less damage to the ecosystem, I really hope the Department of Ecology will go with those solutions rather than this huge dam.

Thank you - Sharron Coontz