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I strongly oppose the proposed dam on the Chehalis River. Most importantly, this is an important river for salmon. Multiple studies have shown how detrimental to salmon populations dams of this proportion are. There has been a push in recent times to get rid of dams due to their huge negative impact on the environment. Why should anyone decide to build one now? There are many other ways to reduce the risk of flooding, such as land conservation practices that reduce runoff.

Increasing wetlands and reducing logging operations near streams are important first steps.

My family has taken many bike rides and walk on the Chehalis bike trail, which is so attractive due to its proximity to the Chehalis River. Altering the nature of the river would have severe negative impacts on those who enjoy recreation on or near the Chehalis River.

Finally, the huge cost of building this ridiculous and unnecessary dam is wasteful and damaging to our economy at a time when the state can ill afford such boondoggles as this project would be. As a tax payer in Washington, I object to any tax dollars being spent on it when there are so many more urgent issues in the state that need to be dealt with.

Considered ecologically, aesthetically, and economically, this dam should never be built.

Sincerely,
Nancy Zahn