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Dear Washington Department of Ecology,

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed FRE dam on the upper Chehalis River. Chelalis River is a key spawning area for salmon species. Salmon are a keystone species, maintaining the health and balance of freshwater to ocean ecosystems.

I am also concerned about the scale and cost of the proposed structure. At a time when Washington state is already spending millions of dollars on dam removal, it seems irresponsible to spend a billion building a new one.

More effective, less damaging flood-reduction approaches already exist, including the Local Actions Non-Dam Alternative. I urge the Washington Department of Ecology to pursue these solutions instead of the proposed dam. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,  
Libby Meador