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Hello I am a life long supporter of the southern resident killer whales (SRKW) of the Washington coast. I was able to have my dream vacation recently of whale watching near Friday Harbor. I sadly did not see any killer whales during my trip. Per the San Juan Island's Visitor Bureau's 2025 semi annual report. Visitors spent 313.3 million in San Juan county in 2024 resulting in 10.7 million in Sales Tax revenue. Without the SRKW thousands of tourist like myself would not contribute to the Washington State economy. This is one of the many reasons why it is vital to protect the ecosystem of the Chinook Salmon that feed the extremely endangered SRKW. I encourage the Department of Ecology to refuse the construction of any dam on the Chehalis River Basin. The alternate proposal with the open channel fish passage is not enough to protect the vital population of salmon. Thank you for your consideration.