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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Draft EIS. The Chehalis River is one of the last un-dammed, free-flowing rivers left on the West Coast of the United States and one of the top salmon-producing rivers in the state of Washington.

We are currently in an era of removing dams, not constructing new ones. Nearly 1.5 million cubic yards of concrete are proposed to be used for this project, at an expense to taxpayers of up to \$2 billion. We have better ways of controlling floods that do not require this exorbitant capital investment and extensive habitat loss. These current plans protect only some of the structures some of the time. Alternative plans require significantly less capital investment and can have better outcomes for people, structures, and salmon.

Protecting and improving the salmon stocks are vital for maintaining the livelihood of Washington's fishermen. Destroying fisheries by habitat destruction is not the legacy we want to leave for future generations. We must be better stewards of our resources.

In addition, the endangered Southern Resident population of orcas (SRKW) have been shown to feed on Chehalis River salmon and reducing this population will have untold consequences for this endangered species. In particular, the spring-run Chehalis Chinook salmon is of great importance for the SRKW's winter forage.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns. We hope all parties can work together to protect structures, livelihoods, traditional uses, and people without destroying habitat and spending billions of dollars.