

Anonymous Anonymous

Fish & Wildlife: The dam will block salmon and steelhead migration, potentially driving them to extinction in the upper basin and harming the broader coastal population.

Habitat Destruction: It will destroy hundreds of acres of valuable forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, according to the Department of Ecology's draft EIS.

Geological Risks: The temporary reservoir area could increase landslide risks, and flooding impacts are expected to worsen with climate change, requiring a better strategy than a dam.

High Cost: A roughly \$1 billion project that may only provide minimal benefits to a small area, burdening taxpayers.

Treaty Rights: Impacts tribal treaty-protected rights and traditional ways of life, affecting salmon essential for the Quinault Indian Nation.

These are better alternatives!!!

Natural Floodplain Solutions: Enhance floodplain storage, remove barriers like culverts, and allow the river to flow naturally.

Landowner Support: Provide assistance and buyouts for properties in high-risk floodplains.

Infrastructure Focus: Invest in floodproofing critical infrastructure like I-5.

Habitat Restoration: Invest in broader habitat restoration for aquatic species