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Dams should NOT be built on the Chehalis. Local flooding is a serious issue that should be addressed by allowing buffer zones of the floodplain and diking around important settled areas. Dams will cost taxpayer dollars and bring little benefit relative to the cost it requires. It will also increase taxes in order to offset the damages to fish populations. This is a clear miss. With increasingly unpredictable and severe rains, dams will be overwhelmed and may even worsen flooding if the capacity is exceeded, favoring the dam's survival over downstream residents. Why are even thinking about wasting so much money that could go to hardworking families more directly?