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The DEIS describes irreparable harm (that cannot be mitigated).

The upper Chehalis River is one of only three main spawning areas for Chinook and Coho salmon and steelhead in the Chehalis Basin. The loss of any one of these three key spawning grounds would threaten the overall resilience and survival of these species across the entire Basin. The DEIS shows the dam's impacts would be devastating. For example:

- Spring Chinook could be driven to extinction by mid century.
- Coho salmon (an ESA species) would be nearly extinct by mid century.
- Fall Chinook and Steelhead would see major, long term population declines.

The DEIS clearly indicates that these major impacts cannot be adequately mitigated. The No Dam Alternative must be selected as the Preferred Alternative. Thank you.