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To Whom It May Concern:

I am in opposition to the proposed dam on the Chehalis River. Please do not close the fish supply off from the Orcas in the Northwestern part of the United States. The Southern Resident Killer Whales (SRKW) frequent this area in search of salmon as their primary source of food. Let me not leave out the Transient Orcas that also heavily depend on this gateway to salmon, of which constitutes the majority of their diet. With the prior and current losses in the well-known J, K, and L pods due to the lack of salmon supplies (and noise pollution from boating that negatively affects echolocation), these families of orca pods are diminishing greatly in number. I urgently ask you to review the tragic losses of infant orcas that have been in recent news due to lack of ample food availability. There continues to be a high correlation between the lack of salmon that come from vital rivers such as the Chehalis River, with a high mortality rate in orcas of this region. Our magnificent and iconic orcas are on a collision course with extinction is why I beg you to NOT build this dam. Thank you.