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I am writing to oppose the proposed dam project on the Chehalis River. The project would adversely affect one of Washington's last free flowing Rivers. Raising water temperatures and having a significant negative impact on wetlands. This would permanently damage steelhead and salmon populations per WA Department of Ecology's own report. Would reduce genetic diversity of these populations. Better and more cost-effective options would be a setback levee or floodplain and wetland recovery plans. Protecting this important river and its watershed will preserve vital salmon stocks and habitat for generations to come. Strong salmon stocks benefit Southern Resident orcas as well as Washington fisheries.