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This is a bad idea that won't meaningfully decrease the risk of flood to communities in the Chehalis Basin. Not only that, it ignores proven big-picture flood reduction strategies such as reintroducing beaver into the landscape and reducing the widespread practice of clear cutting high gradient slopes in the coast, cascade, and Olympic mountains. As a resident of the lower basin, this dam won't meaningfully protect my community from floods when the Satsop and Chehalis are running high. Beyond all of this, the impacts to native salmon and steelhead stocks would never be worth any trade offs, however great. We should be doing everything we can to maintain the viability of Chehalis spring Chinook in particular, not scape-goating them to protect I5 and box stores. We can do things differently; the fish cannot.