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Chehalis dam project statement

I am writing to oppose the proposed large flood control dam project on the Chehalis River. It is totally unacceptable that the state would consider approving a project that Washington's own Department of Ecology has indicated is detrimental to local fish runs. The Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project concluded that the dam would do the following:

- Adversely impact salmon and steelhead populations, especially near the dam
- Magnify ongoing declines that are already happening because of climate change
- Reduce genetic diversity of Chinook, coho, and chum salmon
- Increase water temperature and lower oxygen by removing streamside vegetation
- Cause "significant negative impacts" to fish, wildlife, wetlands, and water quality

The Chehalis River is one of the last free-flowing rivers in our state that supports salmon runs. It needs to be kept in this state. Surely, there are alternatives to all the money needed to build a dam.

What is the cost analysis for a dam vs. a system of levees and flood walls?

We need solutions that will protect salmon runs and not cause damage to salmon and to water quality, which is vital for healthy salmon runs. There are solutions that do not involve a dam.