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A dam being proposed on one of the great rivers of our nation and is one of the few that is still free-flowing. There must be other alternatives that are biologically sound in stopping downstream erosion. The dam would be catastrophic mistake.

While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support the ongoing collaborative efforts of the Chehalis Basin Board, Tribes, and other stakeholders in developing an alternative strategy that supports flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains, and habitat.