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I oppose the construction of a dam on the Chehalis river. There is definitely a need for enhanced flood control in the Chehalis basin, but a dam is a step backwards. It will inevitably lead to increased human development within the flood plain (once it's "safe") which will exacerbate future flood losses. As people build closer to the river, the "temporary reservoir" nature of this proposal will easily become permanent.

The Chehalis is the last major free-flowing river in southwest Washington and I believe the risks of this proposal greatly outweigh any potential benefits. The impact of healthy salmonids in this basin extends beyond the river itself and more communities than those along the floodplain will be affected by their loss. I urge Ecology to pursue less damaging flood-reduction approaches that already exist, such as the Local Actions Non-Dam Alternative, instead of the proposed dam.