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Dear Washington State Department of Ecology:

As a citizen of the United States of America, I am writing to you to urge you to not approve the construction of a flood-retention dam and reservoir on the Chehalis River near the town of Pe Ell.

If this dam is built where it was proposed, it would be a detriment to the recovery of the critically endangered Southern Resident killer whales as well as the salmon that this orca subpopulation depends on for food. Both of these species rely on healthy river ecosystems for their survival and the dam's proposed site to build would block crucial salmon migration routes, including Chinook salmon which comprise up to 78% of the Southern Resident orca's diet. Blocking these migration routes with a dam could not only devastate local fisheries and salmon populations, but it would also risk starving the Southern Resident killer whales of their primary food source even more than they already are, putting them at even greater risk for extinction.

With this in mind, I once again urge you to not approve of the construction of a dam/or reservoir in the Chehalis River, both for the sake of Washington's fisheries and Washington's ecosystem. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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