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Hello,

PLEASE do not approve the building of this dam or any others in the state!

Salmon populations are already at critically low numbers and our ICONIC southern resident orcas depend on mainly salmon for food. All of the toxic chemicals leaching from agriculture road ways and plastic pollution is being seeped into the ocean, and getting absorbed by orcas and slowly poisoning them. They are already struggling to reproduce and survive. Orcas go through a 17 month long gestation period, only to give birth to a corpse that was already being poisoned in the womb. Orcas are sacred beings that we are blessed to be surrounded by in our beautiful sea's. Native Americans refer to them as our relations of the sea, and they truly are, as are all creatures we share this planet with.

As someone who studies orcas, and works to protect them, I am urging you to reject the building of this new dam and any others that are proposed in the future.

Thank you for your time.

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