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My family owns property just outside of Pe Ell, Washington on the Chehalis River and values it greatly for the natural beauty of the landscape. The Chehalis River itself and the people who benefit from living alongside it -- pretty much the entire populations of Pe Ell and Doty -- would be greatly harmed by a dam placed directly above their townships. Any reduction in variability of water flows that might benefit the city of Chehalis would be more than offset out by the vastly greater harm to the living environment of people who have settled in this small part of the world precisely because it is such a natural and pristine place. A dam would change the ebb and flow of not just the river but the plants and animals that make the area home and significantly harm the quiet enjoyment of our property.