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Dear Department of Ecology,

I am writing to express my deep concerns about the proposed FRE dam on the upper Chehalis River. I feel the project would cause significant, problematic and unavoidable harm to salmonoids, including major losses of these populations. This river area is one of the Basin's key spawning sites. These habitats cannot be replaced and should be considered as a long-term legacy for ours and future generations. We should not want to put progress in front of conservation and our future citizens.

I am concerned about the cost of the proposed project and the risks identified already; not even considering future risks. I cannot see the supposed benefits outweighing a river system's ecological health.

There are less damaging flood-reduction approaches, including the Local Actions Non-Dam Alternative. I urge Ecology to pursue these ecological and realistic solutions instead of the proposed dam. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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