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I am writing to oppose the proposed Chehalis River dam due to its irreversible impact on the ecosystem.

The Chehalis Basin is a vital nursery for Chinook salmon, which are the primary food source for our endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales. Constructing a dam here would fundamentally alter water quality and habitat connectivity, directly contradicting Washington's salmon recovery investments and the Governor's SRKW Task Force goals.

Under SEPA, we must prioritize climate-resilient flood solutions that do not jeopardize the survival of these iconic species. I urge the Department of Ecology to protect the integrity of this watershed and reject the dam proposal.