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Dear Department of Ecology,

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed FRE dam on the upper Chehalis River. Based on the DEIS, the project would cause significant and unavoidable harm to salmon and steelhead, including major losses of Spring Chinook, Coho, Fall Chinook, and Steelhead populations. This stretch of the river is one of the Basin's key spawning areas, and once damaged, these habitats cannot be replaced.

Where is the outline of how an estimated \$1.3–\$2.3 billion is going to be covered, who is going to carry that cost?

There has to be other options to protect from flooding without destroying the Native salmon and causing more harm to the environment.

I would like to see other options with less impact to the environment. The community needs long term protection but not at the cost of our salmon and land

Sincerely,
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