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We should not be placing new dams on rivers in this state anymore, especially when there is so much work being done, and debate focused on removing them. History, in addition to the studies conducted here, has shown that they are extremely damaging to species dependent on those rivers. While I understand and am empathetic toward those impacted by floods in the area, the natural flow and habitat it creates are important to many others.

In addition, the dam proposed here adds nothing but flood protection to the river. It doesn't add power generation, transportation, or additional recreation opportunities. That means this dam harms the environment for the needs of the few without giving back to the many. If the habitat and species are affected, there will be additional negative economic impact. That includes not only recreational users but tourism and commercial fishing all the way out to West Port.