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Dept of Ecology: I have lived in Olympia for 36 years, I have been an MD for our community (1991-2019) and am a business owner in Olympia. I want to express my complete disagreement with converting our beautiful Capital Lake into an estuary. I believe it will permanently extremely negatively affect downtown Olympia. In addition, it will decimate the boating industry in lower Budd Bay. The best option to control the sediment from the Tumwater River is to dredge the lake and retain the 5th avenue dam. I live within 1 mile of Mudd Bay and twice a day, every day, with low tide, the smell is worse and the appearance is worse. This will happen to downtown Olympia unless the dam is retained. If your goal is to ruin the downtown Olympia experience, then the estuary is the choice to make.