

About this Document

This document contains comments submitted on the SEPA Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project from February 27 to May 27, 2020.

All comments are valued equally. Comments have been arranged in categories solely for ease of access and downloading or searching the documents.

All comments will be considered for the final EIS and responses to substantive comments will be included in the final report.

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Message:

Thomas O'Keefe
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Comments:

Comments of American Whitewater, our members, and supporters are attached.

Date	Last Name, First Name	City	State	Zip	
4/2/2020	Allen, Tyler	White Salmon	WA	98672-0428	Dams aren't the answer. While flood control measures are understandable and necessary, the onus is on the individual to reconcile the risk of living in a flood-prone region and act accordingly without unduly affecting anadromous fish populations and the greater riparian ecosystem. As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River. In addition to impacts on salmon habitat and overall river health that will be degraded with construction of a dam on the Chehalis River, recreational opportunities on the river will be lost. I concur with the analysis in the SEPA document that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impact to recreation with 'permanent loss of access to 14 miles of kayaking and 13 miles of recreational riverbank fishing.' The Chehalis River basin is clearly in need of a comprehensive strategy to address both heavy flooding and salmon and steelhead declines. Unfortunately the current dam proposal will not comprehensively address either problem. The proposed dam is not fiscally responsible, benefits too few, and has unacceptable impacts. I urge you to work towards solutions that do not rely on the failed approaches of the last century we know are bad for fish and bad for the environment.
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5/27/2020	Anderson, Sara	Seattle	WA	98155	As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River. In addition to impacts on salmon habitat and overall river health that will be degraded with construction of a dam on the Chehalis River, recreational opportunities on the river will be lost. It is illogical that during a time of positive change in protecting animals, the environment, and recreational enjoyment, efforts counteracting this would be undergone. How much money is being spent currently to restore lands? And now money is being allocated to create this exact destruction elsewhere. I am opposed to the 'not in my backyard' mentality-- this earth should feel like the backyard of each individual, and opportunities for all to experience and enjoy it should be preserved. Not just those today, but future generations that are likewise negatively impacted by actions like this. I concur with the analysis in the SEPA document that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impact to recreation with 'permanent loss of access to 14 miles of kayaking and 13 miles of recreational riverbank fishing.' If you do not partake in these activities, this loss may seem small. I assure you it isn't. This type of recreation benefits the health (mental, emotional, and physical) and happiness of countless individuals. It should not be ignored or diminished. The Chehalis River basin is clearly in need of a comprehensive strategy to address both heavy flooding and salmon and steelhead declines. Unfortunately the current dam proposal will not comprehensively address either problem. The proposed dam is not fiscally responsible, benefits too few, and has unacceptable impacts. Please, please rethink your actions. Stop wasting hard earned money on foolhardy actions. I urge you to work towards solutions that do not rely on the failed approaches of the last century we know are bad for fish and bad for the environment. We can be better! Bright minds should be utilized to achieve results that benefit all rather than the few. This proposed action is a microcosm of what's occurring globally. It is significant-- and I urge you to move in the right direction, and be on the right side of history, rather than plod on the path of those misguided souls that came before you.
4/20/2020	Anderson, Dane	Seattle	WA	98112	
4/19/2020	Antenucci, Kiira	Tacoma	WA	98416-2924	
4/23/2020	Arnett, Caitlin	Logan	UT	84321-3441	
4/24/2020	Atkins, Brian	Bellingham	WA	98226-6866	

4/19/2020	Atkins, Brian	Bellingham	WA	98226-6866	Mr. White: As a whitewater boater and river advocate who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River. In addition to impacts on salmon habitat and overall river health that will be degraded with construction of a dam on the Chehalis River, recreational opportunities on the river will be lost. I concur with the analysis in the SEPA document that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impact to recreation with 'permanent loss of access to 14 miles of kayaking and 13 miles of recreational riverbank fishing.' The Chehalis River basin is clearly in need of a comprehensive strategy to address both heavy flooding and salmon and steelhead declines. Unfortunately the current dam proposal will not comprehensively address either problem. The proposed dam is not fiscally responsible, benefits too few, and has unacceptable impacts. I urge you to work towards solutions that do not rely on the failed approaches of the last century we know are bad for fish and bad for the environment.
4/4/2020	Bailey, Mike	Pittsburgh	PA	15227-4303	
4/25/2020	baker, jonathan	Winthrop	WA	98862-9728	
4/23/2020	Barausky, Peter	Tampa	FL	33611-1649	
4/8/2020	Barber, Steve	Hopwood	PA	15445-2145	
4/6/2020	Beasley, Craig	Evergreen	CO	80439	
4/18/2020	Berg, David	Bow	WA	98232-9577	
4/22/2020	Bhageshpur, Kiran	Seattle	WA	98101-5106	
5/27/2020	Bigler, Lisa	Corvallis	OR	97333	
4/8/2020	Bland, Micah	Homestead	PA	15120-3012	
5/27/2020	Bond, Ashley	Knoxville	TN	37909-3522	
4/9/2020	Boyer, Megan	Kamas	UT	84036-1271	As a professional and recreational whitewater boater who enjoys the opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River. In addition to impacts on salmon habitat and overall river health that will be degraded with construction of a dam on the Chehalis River, recreational opportunities on the river will be lost. I concur with the analysis in the SEPA document that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impact to recreation with 'permanent loss of access to 14 miles of kayaking and 13 miles of recreational riverbank fishing.' The Chehalis River basin is clearly in need of a comprehensive strategy to address both heavy flooding and salmon and steelhead declines. Unfortunately the current dam proposal will not comprehensively address either problem. The proposed dam is not fiscally responsible, benefits too few, and has unacceptable impacts. I urge you to work towards solutions that do not rely on the failed approaches of the last century we know are bad for fish and bad for the environment.
4/3/2020	Brame, Scott	Clemson	SC	29631-1951	I oppose the plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River and wish to enter my comments on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. As a whitewater paddler and fisherman who has enjoyed Washington's rivers, I see nothing good coming from this project. This proposal falls back on outdated modes of solving social problems that have been shown to cause more problems than they solve. We should be taking down dams, NOT building more! The current dam proposal does not address flooding and salmon/steelhead declines in a holistic way. This proposal does not adequately acknowledge and account for the long term impacts from significant reductions in water quality, changes in sediment transport/deposition, changes in fish migrations and reproduction, modifications to riparian and floodplain habitat and the organisms that rely on this habitat. In short, the proposed dam is not fiscally responsible, benefits too few, and has unacceptable impacts. As it states in the SEPA document, a new dam on the Chehalis River will result in a significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impact to recreation with 'permanent loss of access to 14 miles of kayaking and 13 miles of recreational riverbank fishing.' This is unacceptable. The consensus among river ecologists is that dams are the single greatest cause of the decline of river ecosystems. There are better solutions. History has shown that rising flood costs, despite increased spending on flood protection, has forced the United States to rethink long-held flood management policies that focused on dams and other engineered structures. New approaches focus on integrated management of the watershed, river, and floodplain, and incorporates nonstructural strategies. I thank you for the opportunity to comment.
4/3/2020	Branstetter, Kevin	Applegate	CA	95703-0383	
4/19/2020	Brodigan, Dee	Port Orchard	WA	98367	

4/23/2020	Brower, Paul	Everett	WA	98203-3458	As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River. I am also a fisherman and scuba diver and have seen the fish populations reduced significantly in the last several decades. With more people coming into the area and using these resources I believe we should be protecting the migrating fish habitat for the health of the rivers and Puget Sound and protecting river access for the recreation that draws people to this area. I concur with the analysis in the SEPA document that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impact to recreation with 'permanent loss of access to 14 miles of kayaking and 13 miles of recreational riverbank fishing.' The Chehalis River basin is clearly in need of a comprehensive strategy to address both heavy flooding and salmon and steelhead declines. Unfortunately the current dam proposal will not comprehensively address either problem. The proposed dam is not fiscally responsible, benefits too few, and has unacceptable impacts. I urge you to work towards solutions that do not rely on the failed approaches of the last century we know are bad for fish and bad for the environment.
4/4/2020	Collins, Dac	White Salmon	WA	98672-8324	
4/10/2020	Cottam, Daniel	North Salt Lake	UT	84054-3386	
4/19/2020	Cox, Lora	Lake Forest Park	WA	98155-4345	
4/19/2020	Crawford, Mariah	Bellingham	WA	98225-6827	
4/2/2020	Crisp, Aidan	West Linn	OR	97068-5130	
4/4/2020	Crisp, Aidan	West Linn	OR	97068-5130	
4/3/2020	Crosswhite, E Shannon	Portland	OR	97213-4454	
4/2/2020	Curtis, Mark	Silver Creek	WA	98585	
5/27/2020	D'Agnolo, Sean	Deming	WA	98244	
5/10/2020	Day, Brian	Hobart	WI	54155-9250	
4/19/2020	deicator, jones	Boise	ID	83708	
5/27/2020	Dufay, Jon	Snohomish	WA	98290-2224	
4/20/2020	Duvall, Ethan	North Bend	WA	98045	
4/20/2020	Dvornikova, Mariia	Issaquah	WA	98027-3177	
5/15/2020	Elder, Chris	Deming	WA	98244	
4/2/2020	Eller, Gerald	Bothell	WA	98011	
4/19/2020	Elsbury, Steven	Bellingham	WA	98229	
5/1/2020	EMERICK, BRIAN	Portland	OR	97239-2997	
4/14/2020	Engerman, Sara	Westminster	VT	5158	
4/23/2020	Evans, Kelly	Three Rivers	CA	93271-9515	
4/13/2020	Everett, Will	North Salt Lake	UT	84054-6001	
5/27/2020	Fink, Troy	Gilbert	AZ	85295	
4/7/2020	Franco, Thomas	Portland	OR	97202-3197	
4/13/2020	fretty, dana	Chicago	IL	60622	
4/2/2020	Fryauf, Matthew	Hubbard	OR	97032	
4/4/2020	Fullmer, Shawn	Durango	CO	81301-6635	
4/2/2020	Goodwin, Matt	Bellingham	WA	98229-4163	
4/3/2020	H, Kate	Athens	GA	30607	
5/27/2020	Hampton, James	Issaquah	WA	98027-9087	
4/22/2020	Harms, Michael	Index	WA	98256	
5/14/2020	Harms, Michael	Index	WA	98256	
5/27/2020	Hinde, Haykey	Saint Joseph	MO	64506-1933	
5/27/2020	Hoffman, Ian	Seattle	WA	98133-8835	
4/13/2020	Holder, Clara	Minneapolis	MN	55414	
5/27/2020	House, Walt	Longmont	CO	80501-6917	
4/13/2020	Howells, Trevor	Lake Mills	WI	53551	
4/19/2020	Johns, Christopher	Seattle	WA	98103-7607	
4/2/2020	Jones, Ed	Spokane	WA	99203-3838	
4/9/2020	Jones, Dan	Covington	WA	98042-8273	

4/18/2020	Jostad, Jeremy	Cheney	WA	99004-1426
4/5/2020	K, Don	Mercer Island	WA	98040
4/26/2020	Keahon, Christopher	Pearl River	NY	10965-1878
4/22/2020	Keeler, Roy	Annandale	VA	22003-2216
4/4/2020	kelly, john	Lake Forest Park	WA	98155-1704
4/19/2020	kelly, Megan	Bothell	WA	98011
4/8/2020	Konigsberg, David	Arvada	CO	80004
4/19/2020	Laitila, James	Auburn	WA	98092-1590
4/2/2020	Leh, Nolan	Bellingham	WA	98225-5446
5/27/2020	Leigh, Ariel	Seattle	WA	98103
5/27/2020	Lloyd Jr, James	Clarksville	TN	37040
5/7/2020	Lockridge-Mehetabel, Christopher	Albuquerque	NM	87120-7085
4/2/2020	Loeffler, Jonathan	Seattle	WA	98115-5810
4/17/2020	Lovell, Robert	Big Sky	MT	59716
5/27/2020	MacCallum, Katie	Peshastin	WA	98847
4/5/2020	Mallery, John	Murfreesboro	TN	37129
4/3/2020	Mast, William	White Salmon	WA	98672-8935
4/2/2020	Mastick, Ford	Santa Rosa	CA	95409-4175
4/8/2020	Mathews, James	Memphis	TN	38117-6414
5/1/2020	McAdams, Darby	White Salmon	WA	98672-0137
4/10/2020	Mcgraw, Sean	Vail	CO	81657
5/27/2020	Mckenna, Joseph	Cardiff By The Sea	CA	92007
4/26/2020	McMurray, Carson	Vashon	WA	98070-3607
4/6/2020	Meixner, Kirk	Hoboken	NJ	7030
4/9/2020	Metcalfe, Joel	Spokane	WA	99204-3728
5/27/2020	Metheny, Chris	Chattanooga	TN	37415
5/27/2020	Metzger, Chelsea	Cary	NC	27513
4/7/2020	Meuth, Zack	Frankfort	KY	40601-1429
4/3/2020	Mitchell, Jack	South Lake Tahoe	CA	96150
4/21/2020	Murray, Elliott	Seattle	WA	98144-2207
4/2/2020	Nicholson, Eli	Portland	OR	97202-7227
4/19/2020	Nikirk, Neil	Lake Isabella	CA	93240
5/27/2020	Norman, Jesse	Brookfield	WI	53005
4/19/2020	o'connor, ryan	Knoxville	TN	37920-8915
4/6/2020	OKEEFFE, DANIEL	Tacoma	WA	98409-7346
5/27/2020	Paine, Katherine	College Station	TX	77845-5656
5/27/2020	Pettinger, Jesse	Albuquerque	NM	87111
4/13/2020	Powers, Margret	Milwaukee	WI	53211-4128
4/21/2020	Price, Benjamin	Post Falls	ID	83854-7620
4/13/2020	Primmer, Elias	Waterloo	WI	53594-9407
4/14/2020	Quandt, McKenna	Minneapolis	MN	55414
4/13/2020	Ren, Eli	Federal Way	WA	98003
5/27/2020	Rogers, Laurie	White Salmon	WA	98672-2129
4/19/2020	Romeo, Mike	Bozeman	MT	59718-3800
4/20/2020	Sambataro, Joe	Edmonds	WA	98020-3340
4/20/2020	Satzinger, Paul	Mount Vernon	WA	98274-5106
4/3/2020	Schoen, Rick	Fox Island	WA	98333
4/4/2020	Schuster, Philip	Long Island City	NY	11101

4/2/2020	Sepulveda, Rick	Glendale	OH	45246-4331	
4/9/2020	Sheline, Chris	Portland	OR	97219-5246	
4/2/2020	Sheridan, Mitchell	Portland	OR	97206-6847	
4/5/2020	Sheridan, Mitchell	Portland	OR	97206	
5/1/2020	Shimabuku, Morgan	Spokane	WA	99203-3650	
4/14/2020	Skriver, Tannen	Madison	WI	53719	
4/19/2020	Slack, Robert	Seattle	WA	98118	
5/27/2020	Sosnowski, Raquel	Mount Vernon	WA	98274	
4/3/2020	Staples, Seton	Kirkland	WA	98034	
4/16/2020	Stoppe, Brenton	White Salmon	WA	98672-8345	
4/3/2020	Subramanian, Rahul	Denver	CO	80228	
4/19/2020	Tabor, Luke	Bellingham	WA	98229-7681	
4/2/2020	Taylor, Bob	Granby	CT	06035-2121	
4/13/2020	Venery, Bohdi	Bozeman	MT	59715	
4/14/2020	Wallace, William	Lake Mills	WI	53551-9719	
5/27/2020	Wasuta, Cody	Nevada City	CA	95959-2808	
5/27/2020	Watts, Leila	Ogden	UT	84403	
4/9/2020	Welch, James	Phoenix	OR	97535-7754	
4/6/2020	wells, sam	Boise	ID	83706-4105	
4/20/2020	West, Benjamin	Glenwood Springs	CO	81601-4053	
5/27/2020	Zerba, Spencer	Missoula	MT	59802	

From: tyler.allen.j@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Tyler Allen](#)
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Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 7:56:31 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
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Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 4:35:58 PM

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Sincerely,
Mike Bailey
3211 Churchview Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15227-4303

From: EOPDGEAR@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [jonathan baker](mailto:jonathan.baker@chehalisbasinstrategy.com)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020 11:51:42 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
jonathan baker
35 Lower Bear Creek Rd Winthrop, WA 98862-9728

From: petelacrosse@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Peter Barausky](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 1:02:17 AM

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Sincerely,
Peter Barausky
3016 W Lawn Ave Tampa, FL 33611-1649

From: hardboater@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Steve Barber](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 1:23:44 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Steve Barber
89 Sutton Avenue Ext Hopwood, PA 15445-2145

From: cwbeasley55@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Craig Beasley](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:49:48 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Craig Beasley
Evergreen, CO 80439

From: dberger007@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [David Berg](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020 8:28:04 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
David Berg
3267 Deer Trails Ln Bow, WA 98232-9577

From: kiranbhageshpur@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kiran Bhageshpur](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 7:42:27 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

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Sincerely,
Kiran Bhageshpur
1920 4th Ave Unit 609 Seattle, WA 98101-5106

From: blandm4@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Micah Bland](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:20:59 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Micah Bland
3476 York St Homestead, PA 15120-3012

From: m_mollner@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Megan Boyer](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:32:53 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a professional and recreational whitewater boater who enjoys the opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

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Sincerely,
Megan Boyer
PO Box 1271 Kamas, UT 84036-1271

From: kevinbran@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kevin Branstetter](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 8:10:38 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Kevin Branstetter
PO Box 383 Applegate, CA 95703-0383

From: flynfaires@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Dee Brodigan](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 4:30:20 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Dee Brodigan
Port Orchard, WA 98367

From: pbother@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Paul Brower](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 6:53:04 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

I am also a fisherman and scuba diver and have seen the fish populations reduced significantly in the last several decades. With more people coming into the area and using these resources I believe we should be protecting the migrating fish habitat for the health of the rivers and Puget Sound and protecting river access for the recreation that draws people to this area.

I concur with the analysis in the SEPA document that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a "significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impact" to recreation with "permanent loss of access to 14 miles of kayaking and 13 miles of recreational riverbank fishing."

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Sincerely,
Paul Brower
6014 Brookridge Blvd Everett, WA 98203-3458

From: bfcarter@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ben Carter](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 8:16:36 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

I have been a whitewater kayaker for over twenty years and I enjoy the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide. I am writing today to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

In addition to impacts on salmon habitat and overall river health that will be degraded with construction of a dam on the Chehalis River, recreational opportunities on the river will be lost, at least for my lifetime. I concur with the analysis in the SEPA document that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a "significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impact" to recreation with "permanent loss of access to 14 miles of kayaking and 13 miles of recreational riverbank fishing."

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Sincerely,
Ben Carter
Portland, OR 97219

From: czcarpentryllc@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Joseph Cieslewicz](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, May 3, 2020 10:37:33 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

I agree strongly with the statements below and would like to pointedly voice my concern of how such dams destroy the very places we love and strive to protect for future generations. From the rivers and canyons of the desert southwest to the deep wild places of China I've seen too many beloved places drown with a variety of adverse effects. I plead, DO NOT build this dam. We are the stewards of this land and have better tools at hand to protect and revive this river basin for a controlled and healthy watershed.

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

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I urge you to work towards solutions that do not rely on the failed approaches of the last century we know negatively affect the struggling salmon populations and further disrupt a environment.

Sincerely,
Joseph Cieslewicz
PO Box 485 Toquerville, UT 84774-0485

From: dacmontrout@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Dac Collins](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 9:36:55 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Dac Collins
551 Highway 141 White Salmon, WA 98672-8324

From: danamycottam@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Daniel Cottam](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 10:51:18 AM

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Sincerely,
Daniel Cottam
232 S Eagle Ridge Dr North Salt Lake, UT 84054-3386

From: lora.cox@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Lora Cox](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 9:43:32 AM

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Sincerely,
Lora Cox
5223 NE 187th St Lake Forest Park, WA 98155-4345

From: mariahc078@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Mariah Crawford](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 9:04:59 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Mariah Crawford
2110 Harris Ave Bellingham, WA 98225-6827

From: aidancrisp@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Aidan Crisp](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 4:27:01 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Aidan Crisp
2320 Rogue Way West Linn, OR 97068-5130

From: shannoncrosswhite74@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [E Shannon Crosswhite](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 5:54:14 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
E Shannon Crosswhite
4017 NE 66th Ave Portland, OR 97213-4454

From: markcurtis324@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Mark Curtis](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 10:36:44 AM

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Sincerely,
Mark Curtis
Silver Creek, WA 98585

From: day.brianpatrick@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Brian Day](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 6:23:20 AM

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Sincerely,
Brian Day
4864 Isabella Cir Hobart, WI 54155-9250

From: lithologics@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of jones.decator
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 8:25:51 PM

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jones decator
Boise, ID 83708

From: kickflip_bs_ts@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Scott Dent](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:50:28 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

The last thing that the wettest area of the country needs is more dams. Please stop constructing Dams. If the stupid corps of engineering wants work, have them take dams down. Or maybe they could repair some roads, bridges and infrastructure first. Thanks

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

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Sincerely,
Scott Dent
PO Box 445 Bingen, WA 98605-0445

From: ethan0048@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ethan Duvall](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 10:02:51 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Ethan Duvall
North Bend, WA 98045

From: dvornikovamk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Mariia Dvornikova](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 10:16:19 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Mariia Dvornikova
205 Newport Way NW Apt F2 Issaquah, WA 98027-3177

From: osoelder@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Chris Elder](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, May 15, 2020 4:39:55 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Chris Elder
Deming, WA 98244

From: geraldeller@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Gerald Eller](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 1:05:58 PM

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Sincerely,
Gerald Eller
Bothell, WA 98011

From: ELSBLUBBER@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Steven Elsbury](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 10:26:43 AM

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Sincerely,
Steven Elsbury
Bellingham, WA 98229

From: brian.emerick7@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [BRIAN EMERICK](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 9:17:37 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
BRIAN EMERICK
5128 SW Northwood Ave Portland, OR 97239-2997

From: sarengerm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sara Engerman](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 3:57:51 PM

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Sincerely,
Sara Engerman
Westminster, VT 05158

From: yasoykelly@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kelly Evans](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 2:01:37 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Kelly Evans
47050 Generals Hwy Unit 108 Three Rivers, CA 93271-9515

From: willeverett88@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Will Everett](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 13, 2020 1:21:47 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Will Everett
930 Stonehenge Dr North Salt Lake, UT 84054-6001

From: francothomas5@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Thomas Franco](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:01:10 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Thomas Franco
4058 SE Holgate Blvd Portland, OR 97202-3197

From: dfrettyphoto@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [dana fretty](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 13, 2020 4:06:22 PM

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Sincerely,
dana fretty
Chicago, IL 60622

From: proactivemovementchiro@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Matthew Fryauf](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 8:57:14 AM

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Sincerely,
Matthew Fryauf
Hubbard, OR 97032

From: fullmer_s@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Shawn Fullmer](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 5:56:57 AM

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Sincerely,
Shawn Fullmer
150 Confluence Ave Durango, CO 81301-6635

From: matthew.m.goodwin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Matt Goodwin](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:19:52 PM

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Sincerely,
Matt Goodwin
2011 Evening Star Ln Bellingham, WA 98229-4163

From: klhaart@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kate H](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 6:44:46 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Kate H
Athens, GA 30607

From: haleyprints@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [aidan haley](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 13, 2020 2:47:26 PM

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Sincerely,
aidan haley
2915 N 29th St Tacoma, WA 98407-6323

From: harmsway501@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Michael Harms](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 10:09:32 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Michael Harms
50923 Index-Galena Rd Index, WA 98256

From: clara.holder3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Clara Holder](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 13, 2020 11:44:02 AM

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Sincerely,
Clara Holder
Minneapolis, MN 55414

From: kathollis@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Katherine Hollis](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 7:32:27 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As an avid outdoor recreationist who understands and enjoys the role rivers play in our ecosystem and our recreation, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

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Sincerely,
Katherine Hollis
Seattle, WA 98125

From: megan.hooker@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Megan Hooker](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 9:32:32 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As someone who enjoys Washington's rivers, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

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Sincerely,
Megan Hooker
2350 NE Lakeridge Dr Bend, OR 97701-8093

From: howells.trevor4@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Trevor Howells](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 13, 2020 11:24:36 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Trevor Howells
Lake Mills, WI 53551

From: ericejackson99@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Eric Jackson](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 3:06:08 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who has recently vacationed in Washington state, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

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Sincerely,
Eric Jackson
41436 Hanford Rd Canton, MI 48187-3512

From: cjohns141@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Christopher Johns](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 5:50:15 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

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Sincerely,
Christopher Johns
1911 N 42nd St Seattle, WA 98103-7607

From: hammer131@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Dan Jones](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 5:51:57 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Dan Jones
16015 SE 260th St Covington, WA 98042-8273

From: edjones66@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ed Jones](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 4:20:40 PM

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Sincerely,
Ed Jones
2338 S Pittsburg St Spokane, WA 99203-3838

From: jeromejostad@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Jeremy Jostad](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020 2:53:18 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Jeremy Jostad
211 W 6th St Cheney, WA 99004-1426

From: dkettering1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Don K](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020 3:44:14 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Don K
Mercer Island, WA 98040

From: brdlegend@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Cypress Kappeyne van de Coppello](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, May 15, 2020 11:27:42 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

I'm a whitewater kayaker who loves Washington's rivers. I'm commenting on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

We will lose access to some of Washington's best whitewater recreation. I agree with the analysis in the SEPA document that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a "significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impact" to recreation with "permanent loss of access to 14 miles of kayaking and 13 miles of recreational riverbank fishing."

Additionally, the construction of a dam on the Chehalis River will decrease salmon habitat and overall river health. The Chehalis River basin is clearly in need of a comprehensive strategy to address both heavy flooding and salmon and steelhead declines. Unfortunately the current dam proposal will not comprehensively address either problem. The proposed dam is not fiscally responsible, benefits too few, and has unacceptable impacts.

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Sincerely,
Cypress Kappeyne van de Coppello
Eugene, OR 97405

From: cjkny@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Christopher Keahon](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2020 11:56:19 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

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Sincerely,
Christopher Keahon
150 Hunt Ave Pearl River, NY 10965-1878

From: water2876@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Roy Keeler](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 9:44:03 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Roy Keeler
3815 Whitman Rd Annandale, VA 22003-2216

From: john.p.kelly@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [john kelly](mailto:john.kelly@chehalisbasinstrategy.com)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:42:17 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
john kelly
4521 NE 201st Pl Lake Forest Park, WA 98155-1704

From: megspk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Megan Kelly](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 8:54:57 AM

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Sincerely,
Megan Kelly
Bothell, WA 98011

From: dk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [David Konigsberg](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 6:23:01 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
David Konigsberg
Arvada, CO 80004

From: james.laitila@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [James Laitila](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 9:10:44 AM

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Sincerely,
James Laitila
19215 SE Green Valley Rd Auburn, WA 98092-1590

From: nolanleh@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Nolan Leh](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:36:03 AM

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Sincerely,
Nolan Leh
338 N Garden St Bellingham, WA 98225-5446

From: lensmire.simon@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Simon Lensmire](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 13, 2020 1:26:25 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

STOP ACTING ON YOUR OWN PERSONAL AGENDA OR THAT OF WHATEVER DONOR IS PAYING YOU.

COMPASSION FOR OTHERS AND NATURE IS MORE IMPORTANT.

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Sincerely,
Simon Lensmire
902 Pine St La Crosse, WI 54601-3420

From: cdlockridge@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Christopher Lockridge-Mehetabel](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 9:02:47 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Christopher Lockridge-Mehetabel
8716 Monsoon Rd NW Albuquerque, NM 87120-7085

From: alpinejl@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Jonathan Loeffler](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 1:16:52 PM

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Sincerely,
Jonathan Loeffler
7338 24th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98115-5810

From: r.lovell87@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Robert Lovell](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 10:54:37 AM

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Sincerely,
Robert Lovell
Big Sky, MT 59716

From: johnmallery@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [John Mallery](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:11:34 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
John Mallery
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

From: kira.watts@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kira Marley](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 9:54:57 AM

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My husband and I had the opportunity to paddle this section of river back in 2011. Since the road is closed to motor vehicles, we had to hike our raft 13 miles in on a hand-cart, including through a few road wash-outs. It was a grueling day, but the paddle made it all worth it. This section of river is stunning! Two beautiful canyons, each with their own unique features and set of quality whitewater rapids. This run would instantly be a classic if there were access. And even if the access remains closed, I believe there is immense value in the varied ecosystem of this section and the recreational opportunities for those paddlers who are willing to work a little harder for it.

This is a quote from my trip report, "And in the final stretch of river before Pe Ell, the Chehalis carves one of the most beautiful green mossy corridors I've ever seen. Floating through that hallway of waterfalls, soft emerald blankets of moss and great curtains of ivy hanging off the cliffs, I wanted that moment to last forever. "

Please help protect this beautiful place. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kira Marley
1410 Lowe Ave Bellingham, WA 98229-5032

From: wwm16@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [William Mast](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 3:34:43 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
William Mast
670 NW Lincoln St White Salmon, WA 98672-8935

From: mastickford@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ford Mastick](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:32:53 PM

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Sincerely,
Ford Mastick
1308 Mission Blvd Santa Rosa, CA 95409-4175

From: mathewsjimm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [James Mathews](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:05:31 PM

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Sincerely,
James Mathews
4432 Dunn Ave Memphis, TN 38117-6414

From: darbymcadams@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Darby McAdams](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 5:19:51 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

In addition to impacts on salmon habitat and overall river health that will be degraded with construction of a dam on the Chehalis River, recreational opportunities on the river will be lost. I concur with the analysis in the SEPA document that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a "significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impact" to recreation with "permanent loss of access to 14 miles of kayaking and 13 miles of recreational riverbank fishing."

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Sincerely,
Darby McAdams
688 NW Academy Ct White Salmon, WA 98672-0137

From: seanmcgraw@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sean Mcgraw](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 4:07:32 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

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Sincerely,
Sean Mcgraw
Vail, CO 81657

From: mcmillen_sam@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sam Mcmillen](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 5:26:31 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater, and avid fisherman, who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

In addition to impacts on salmon habitat and overall river health that will be degraded with construction of a dam on the Chehalis River, recreational opportunities on the river will be lost. I concur with the analysis in the SEPA document that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a "significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impact" to recreation with "permanent loss of access to 14 miles of kayaking and 13 miles of recreational riverbank fishing."

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Sincerely,
Sam Mcmillen
4646 Seattle, WA 98118

From: carson484@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Carson McMurray](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2020 2:37:15 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

In addition to impacts on salmon habitat and overall river health that will be degraded with construction of a dam on the Chehalis River, recreational opportunities on the river will be lost. I concur with the analysis in the SEPA document that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a "significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impact" to recreation with "permanent loss of access to 14 miles of kayaking and 13 miles of recreational riverbank fishing."

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Sincerely,
Carson McMurray
14032 Glen Acres Rd SW Vashon, WA 98070-3607

From: pendelta@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kirk Meixner](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:25:52 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

In addition to impacts on salmon habitat and overall river health that will be degraded with construction of a dam on the Chehalis River, recreational opportunities on the river will be lost. I concur with the analysis in the SEPA document that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a "significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impact" to recreation with "permanent loss of access to 14 miles of kayaking and 13 miles of recreational riverbank fishing."

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Sincerely,
Kirk Meixner
Hoboken, NJ 07030

From: Metcalfejoel@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Joel Metcalfe](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 9:07:51 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

In addition to impacts on salmon habitat and overall river health that will be degraded with construction of a dam on the Chehalis River, recreational opportunities on the river will be lost. I concur with the analysis in the SEPA document that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a "significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impact" to recreation with "permanent loss of access to 14 miles of kayaking and 13 miles of recreational riverbank fishing."

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Sincerely,
Joel Metcalfe
605 W Cotta Ave Spokane, WA 99204-3728

From: zackmeuth@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Zack Meuth](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:33:25 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

In addition to impacts on salmon habitat and overall river health that will be degraded with construction of a dam on the Chehalis River, recreational opportunities on the river will be lost. I concur with the analysis in the SEPA document that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a "significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impact" to recreation with "permanent loss of access to 14 miles of kayaking and 13 miles of recreational riverbank fishing."

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Sincerely,
Zack Meuth
704 Ridgeview Dr Frankfort, KY 40601-1429

From: craig.milliron@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Craig Milliron](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 8:18:33 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a family of whitewater kayakers, we are writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. We oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River, as the benefits do not at all outweigh the risks.

In addition to impacts on salmon habitat and overall river health that will be degraded with construction of a dam on the Chehalis River, recreational opportunities on the river will be lost. I concur with the analysis in the SEPA document that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a "significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impact" to recreation with "permanent loss of access to 14 miles of kayaking and 13 miles of recreational riverbank fishing."

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Sincerely,
Craig Milliron
Tacoma, WA 98433

From: mitchelljack48@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Jack Mitchell](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 4:03:46 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

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Sincerely,
Jack Mitchell
580 Emerald Bay Rd # 25 South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

From: cncmorgan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [chuck Morgan](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:35:29 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

Govenor Inslee

As a supporter of the environment

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

In addition to impacts on salmon habitat and overall river health that will be degraded with construction of a dam on the Chehalis River, recreational opportunities on the river will be lost. I concur with the analysis in the SEPA document that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a "significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impact" to recreation with "permanent loss of access to 14 miles of kayaking and 13 miles of recreational riverbank fishing."

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Sincerely,
chuck Morgan
16158 SE 33rd Ln Bellevue, WA 98008-5760

From: e_emurray@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Elliott Murray](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:00:57 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

In addition to impacts on salmon habitat and overall river health that will be degraded with construction of a dam on the Chehalis River, recreational opportunities on the river will be lost. I concur with the analysis in the SEPA document that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a "significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impact" to recreation with "permanent loss of access to 14 miles of kayaking and 13 miles of recreational riverbank fishing."

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Sincerely,
Elliott Murray
2031 S Main St Seattle, WA 98144-2207

From: eli.m.nicholson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Eli Nicholson](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:36:25 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

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Sincerely,
Eli Nicholson
1634 SE Clatsop St Portland, OR 97202-7227

From: nnikirk62@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Neil Nikirk](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 8:58:17 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

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Sincerely,
Neil Nikirk
Lake Isabella, CA 93240

From: ryangoconnor@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [ryan o'connor](mailto:ryan.o'connor@chehalisbasinstrategy.com)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 12:37:08 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
ryan o'connor
1205 Bowman Valley Rd Knoxville, TN 37920-8915

From: brilliantgenius1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [DANIEL OKEEFFE](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 6:56:01 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
DANIEL OKEEFFE
2424 S 41st St Apt 263 Tacoma, WA 98409-7346

From: westonp9@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Weston Persons](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 8:41:09 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Weston Persons
3000 Daniels Ct Bellingham, WA 98229-5920

From: margretp@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Margret Powers](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 13, 2020 11:51:43 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

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Sincerely,
Margret Powers
2511 N Prospect Ave Milwaukee, WI 53211-4128

From: price1335@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Benjamin Price](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:57:06 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Benjamin Price
210 E 12th Ave Post Falls, ID 83854-7620

From: huprice@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Heather Price](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:11:20 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater, raised on the Olympic Peninsula, who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

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Sincerely,
Heather Price
Seattle, WA 98115

From: eprimmer5@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Elias Primmer](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 13, 2020 9:14:45 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Elias Primmer
N7894 County Road O Waterloo, WI 53594-9407

From: quand031@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [McKenna Quandt](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 6:38:01 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
McKenna Quandt
Minneapolis, MN 55414

From: durableinnovations@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Eli Ren](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 13, 2020 1:46:50 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Eli Ren
Federal Way, WA 98003

From: mrromeo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Mike Romeo](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 6:52:41 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Mike Romeo
11 Depot Dr Bozeman, MT 59718-3800

From: jbrurka@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [James Rurka](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 9:55:25 PM

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Just remember dams have a permanent impact on rivers, it's like a bad tattoo. You feel its impact everyday.

Sincerely,
James Rurka
3434 W Ridge Cir SW Roanoke, VA 24014-4239

From: joe@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Joe Sambataro](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 11:02:25 AM

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Sincerely,
Joe Sambataro
711 10th Pl S Edmonds, WA 98020-3340

From: satzinger.p@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Paul Satzinger](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 12:56:46 PM

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Sincerely,
Paul Satzinger
1424 S 13th St Mount Vernon, WA 98274-5106

From: yakrik@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Rick Schoen](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 6:49:34 AM

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Sincerely,
Rick Schoen
Fox Island, WA 98333

From: nicschultz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Nichole Schultz](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 13, 2020 11:13:07 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
Nichole Schultz
Minneapolis, MN 55436

From: schuster@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Philip Schuster](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 5:49:33 AM

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Sincerely,
Philip Schuster
Long Island City, NY 11101

From: shinglingchef@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Rick Sepulveda](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 7:17:23 AM

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Sincerely,
Rick Sepulveda
55 W Sharon Rd Glendale, OH 45246-4331

From: csheline@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Chris Sheline](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 12:58:39 PM

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Sincerely,
Chris Sheline
4515 SW Brugger St Portland, OR 97219-5246

From: mitch4christ@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Mitchell Sheridan](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
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Sincerely,
Mitchell Sheridan
5315 SE Henry St Portland, OR 97206-6847

From: morganshimabuku@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Morgan Shimabuku](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 7:12:10 AM

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Sincerely,
Morgan Shimabuku
2202 E Girard Pl Spokane, WA 99203-3650

From: tannen.skriver@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Tannen Skriver](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 8:16:53 AM

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Sincerely,
Tannen Skriver
Madison, WI 53719

From: slack.rob@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Robert Slack](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 1:28:01 PM

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Sincerely,
Robert Slack
Seattle, WA 98118

From: conrad.sperosen.13@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Conrad Sperosen](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 4:43:10 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

Hi Gordon,

I love the PNW and I am a whitewater boater. I've made many memories with friends and family on scenic and wild rivers. My love of paddling stems from trips down uninterrupted stretches of flowing rapids, where nature is unencumbered from the sounds of man's technologies and the tonal dredging of greywashed cement structures. This beauty, while seemingly fleeting in these times, is priceless. I understand aesthetics have to be balanced with the needs of society. However this damn is a step in the wrong direction. It does not help to reduce flooding appropriately, it will damage ecology and, for people like it will only stop me from traveling to and recreating in Washington.

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Sincerely,
Conrad Sperosen
1905 15th St Boulder, CO 80306-8401

From: setonstaples@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Seton Staples](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 4:51:23 PM

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Sincerely,
Seton Staples
Kirkland, WA 98034

From: bstoppe@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Brenton Stoppe](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 2:02:46 PM

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Brenton Stoppe
40 Northwestern Lake Rd White Salmon, WA 98672-8345

From: rsubram9@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Rahul Subramanian](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 11:57:53 AM

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Sincerely,
Rahul Subramanian
Denver, CO 80228

From: evansundby99@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Evan Sundby](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020 10:00:00 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, and as an ecologist, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

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Sincerely,
Evan Sundby
Rapid City, SD 57702

From: lukeftabor@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Luke Tabor](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 9:24:18 AM

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Sincerely,
Luke Tabor
6 Yearling Pl Bellingham, WA 98229-7681

From: wwkbob@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Bob Taylor](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 5:02:27 PM

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Sincerely,
Bob Taylor
22 Pendleton Rd Granby, CT 06035-2121

From: cynergizer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Cynthia Taylor](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:02:54 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

I live in Washington for the whitewater. 13 miles of Class III whitewater is a special, uncommon natural asset. I would be appalled if we were to lose this recreational whitewater stretch.

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Sincerely,
Cynthia Taylor
1743 NE 92nd St Seattle, WA 98115-3253

From: bohdi.venery@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Bohdi Venery](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 13, 2020 11:43:26 AM

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Sincerely,
Bohdi Venery
Bozeman, MT 59715

From: wagen13@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Michael Wagenbach](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:46:32 PM

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Additionally, I know the Quinault Nation is opposed to this dam. The wishes of traditional residents of the area to prevent further degradation of the habitat should be respected.

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Sincerely,
Michael Wagenbach
Seattle, WA 98107

From: wwallace@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [William Wallace](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 8:03:43 AM

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Sincerely,
William Wallace
N6761 Shorewood Hills Rd Lake Mills, WI 53551-9719

From: james.e.welch13@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [James Welch](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 8:33:39 AM

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Sincerely,
James Welch
312 W 3rd St Phoenix, OR 97535-7754

From: samuelstephenwells@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of sam_wells
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:05:27 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Sincerely,
sam wells
1117 W Chamberlin St Boise, ID 83706-4105

From: Benjaminwest@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Benjamin West](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 9:52:00 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

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Sincerely,
Benjamin West
1319 Walz Ave Glenwood Springs, CO 81601-4053

From: jimhunter00@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Jim Hunter](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 6:03:43 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

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I would also like to add that from the research that I have read dam's have a lot of adverse long term affects on the environment that are more subtle than destroying native fish runs and destroying habitat. It has recently come to my attention that the river silt that is being held behind these dams used to help keep coast lines stable. I find it hard to believe that the state of Washington is even considering allowing as new dam to be constructed regardless of the reason.

Very Sincerely

Jim Hunter

Sincerely,
Jim Hunter
PO Box 1445 Issaquah, WA 98027-0059

From: brobertspierel@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ben Roberts-Pierel](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:49:38 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I very strongly oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

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The Chehalis River basin is clearly in need of a comprehensive strategy to address both heavy flooding and salmon and steelhead declines. Unfortunately the current dam proposal will not comprehensively address either problem. The proposed dam is not fiscally responsible, benefits too few, and has unacceptable impacts. We live in a time where many dams are being removed from rivers in the Northwest (e.g. Condit, Elwah and proposed plans in the Klamath basin) and therefore building a new dam in this era would not only send the wrong message, it is behind the times. It does not make sense to build large dams in the PNW anymore, that time has passed. As noted, comprehensive basin management plans involving multiple stakeholders should by all means be undertaken but large dam projects have passed their heyday. We have seen the long term ecological and recreational opportunities lost to large dam projects in the Northwest for decades now and a renewal of that approach is antiquated and illogical. Please consider pursuing other more reasonable (both cost wise and in terms of impacts) approaches before proceeding with this plan.

I urge you to work towards solutions that do not rely on the failed approaches of the last century we know are bad for fish and bad for the environment.

Sincerely,
Ben Roberts-Pierel
Corvallis, OR 97330

From: cassidyvalade@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Cassidy Valade](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 13, 2020 2:07:32 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a person who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

In addition to impacts on salmon habitat and overall river health that will be degraded with construction of a dam on the Chehalis River, recreational opportunities on the river will be lost. I concur with the analysis in the SEPA document that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a "significant and unavoidable adverse environmental impact" to recreation with "permanent loss of access to 14 miles of kayaking and 13 miles of recreational riverbank fishing."

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I urge you to work towards solutions that do not rely on the failed approaches of the last century we know are bad for fish and bad for the environment. I also urge you to use the wealth of resources available and knowledgeable scientists, activists, and citizens use know the land. A thorough well-executed plan that minimizes costs, protects wildlife, and aids in human recreation, can be achieved. The answer is not through the plan to build the Chehalis River.

Sincerely,
Cassidy Valade
Minneapolis, MN 55413

From: keyounger18@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Katelyn Younger](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, April 13, 2020 2:10:57 PM

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What about a fish habitat friendly dam? I think this whole project needs to be overhauled to take the environment into consideration. If this is implemented, fish populations will decrease. That will have a food chain effect and could even end up affecting WA's beautiful Orcas! Climate change is real. WA needs to be at the forefront of caring for the environment in this crazy time.

Sincerely,
Katelyn Younger
Seattle, WA 98144

From: ewoodwor@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Eliza Woodworth](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 10:53:30 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

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I know we have lots of issues these days and COVID-19 has been a magnifying glass for many of these issues. What it has shown us is that deep down what matters are basic human rights and clean healthy water is one of those. Lets learn from history and stop doing things that go against mother nature. Why do humans keep trying so hard to mess up a good thing. Rivers should be free and humans are clever enough to create intelligent harmonious solutions to energy production that doesn't harm nature and hurt recreation and sport all at once. Please do what is right and what you know you need to do. Say no to this dam, and sleep better at night knowing you helped stop this atrocity.

Sincerely,
Eliza Woodworth
690 32nd St Apt 311 Bellingham, WA 98225-6925

From: kittimajorkin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [tammy chopping](mailto:tammy_chopping)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020 11:18:21 AM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

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Seems to me, for that kinda money, yawl could come up with a better plan...One that would keep the dwindling salmon migration at a maximum & to expand salmon populations,(ie fish ladder). Two, a series of low impact flood mitigation zones which not only allow for the FULL RESTORATION of taxpayer RECREATIONAL USE of the river, but tree,..mitigate ACTUAL flooding by giving the water somewhere to go for a short time in smaller pools that everybody might fill up come spring or storm. thank you.

Sincerely,
tammy chopping
104 Peacock Trl Stockbridge, GA 30281-1786

From: erincalfee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Erin Calfee](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:17:00 PM

Dear Program Manager Gordon White,

I am writing to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River. It will not solve the issue of flooding but it will reduce recreational whitewater access, water quality, and fish populations. Dams are an outdated solution to a complex problem of flooding, that would be better addressed with policies that assist current landowners, reduce new floodplain development, enhance natural floodplain capacity, and promote the public use of this healthy free-flowing river.

I currently live in California, but kayakers have a way of crossing state borders, with boaters from Washington and Oregon traveling to paddle our granite slides and boaters from here traveling up to your beautiful forested rivers further north. Freely flowing rivers are rare gems across the West and a public resource that should be preserved for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Erin Calfee
27275 Willowbank Rd Davis, CA 95618-5055

From: Paula Swedeen <pswedeen@conservationnw.org>

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 4:23 PM

To: Butorac, Diane (ECY) <dbut461@ECY.WA.GOV>

Subject: Compiled public comments from CNW members on Chehalis Flood Reduction Project DEIS

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Hi Diane,

Here is a compilation of all the comments that CNW gathered from its members and supporters. Name, City and zipcode plus email address are associated with each comment. Column K has the text of all the comments and can be expanded/text wrapped to make reading easier. Let me know if you need these in a different format.

I submitted our formal CNW organizational comments via the website earlier today.

Thanks again for your help.

Best,

Paula Swedeen
Policy Director
Conservation Northwest

Date	Contact Title	Advocate First Name	Advocate Last Name	Advocate City	Advocate State	Advocate Zip	Advocate Email Address	Message Subject	Message Body
2020-04-29 20:58:59	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Toni	Aal	Kent	WA	98042	laal7@aol.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Toni Aal 14055 SE 202nd St Kent, WA 98042</p>

<p>2020-05-01 12:22:19</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Sophie</p>	<p>Aanerud</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98105</p>	<p>orcasaanerud@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sophie Aanerud 4706 20th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98105</p>
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2020-05-17 17:34:03	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Joanna	Aaron	Doty	WA	98539	sallo1@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Joanna Aaron 121 Doty St Doty, WA 98539</p>
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2020-05-27 09:34:28	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Joanna	aaron	Doty	WA	98539	joanna.aaron65@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Joanna aaron 121 Doty St Doty, WA 98539</p>
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2020-05-06 15:10:32	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Timothy	Abt	Sultan	WA	98294	timothythorgerson@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Timothy Abt 32704 Sultan Basin Rd Sultan, WA 98294</p>
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2020-05-01 18:54:19	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Jan	Adams	Bellingham	WA	98225	janadams8@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jan Adams</p> <p>Bellingham, WA 98225</p>
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<p>2020-05-01 12:27:44</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Tiara</p>	<p>Adler</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98103</p>	<p>tiara.adler.6@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I DO NOT support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Tiara Adler 4203 Francis Ave N Seattle, WA 98103</p>
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2020-05-01 23:49:37	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Claire	Aiello	Seattle	WA	98107	clairecaiello@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Claire Aiello 1119 NW 64th St Seattle, WA 98107</p>
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2020-05-01 09:33:49	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Cathy Allen	Allen	Vancouver	WA	98684	chocks97369@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Cathy Allen 15008 NE 9th St Vancouver, WA 98684</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 20:02:45</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Paul Allen</p>	<p>Allen</p>	<p>Wenatchee</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98807</p>	<p>pauljallen@me.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>No dam on the Chehalis!</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Paul Allen PO Box 4440 Wenatchee, WA 98807</p>
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2020-05-27 08:12:38	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Bryce	Anderson	Snoqualmie	WA	98065	blanderson99@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Bryce Anderson 36102 SE 96th Way Snoqualmie, WA 98065</p>
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<p>2020-05-11 10:10:26</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Glen</p>	<p>Anderson</p>	<p>Olympia</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98503</p>	<p>glenanderson@integra.net</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I OPPOSE a big dam on the Chehalis River.</p> <p>Here are my comments on the state's Draft EIS related to the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project.</p> <p>I OPPOSE a big dam on the Chehalis River.</p> <p>We must PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT. This project would DESTROY ECOSYSTEMS: hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands. It would DEGRADE IMPORTANT SPAWNING GROUNDS for the Chinook and coho salmon and steelhead that THE PUBLIC WANTS DESPERATELY TO PROTECT.</p> <p>Also, the Chehalis and Skookumchuck rivers and nearby riparian areas are NECESSARY so wildlife can move around, find food and mates, and seek new places to live when climate disruption forces them to leave their traditional homes.</p> <p>Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Glen Anderson 5015 15th Ave SE Olympia, WA 98503</p>
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2020-05-26 10:49:40	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Rylan	Anderson	Seattle	WA	98133	rylannanderson@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Rylan Anderson</p> <p>Seattle, WA 98133</p>
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2020-05-03 14:58:20	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kaylee	Andrews	Seattle	WA	98119	kaylee34@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kaylee Andrews 2832 14th Ave W Seattle, WA 98119</p>
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2020-05-03 18:23:51	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Julia	Appel	Olympia	WA	98516	lilyola@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Julia Appel 7828 Wilda Ln NE Olympia, WA 98516</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 08:16:39</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Rich</p>	<p>Appis</p>	<p>Spokane</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>99208</p>	<p>r_appis@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Rich Appis 2710 E Pineglen Ave Spokane, WA 99208</p>
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2020-05-10 23:20:50	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Amy	Armitage	Bellingham	WA	98225	armitageamy@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Amy Armitage 1525 James St Bellingham, WA 98225</p>
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2020-05-02 16:37:51	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Amy	Armitage	Bellingham	WA	98225	armiageamy@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Amy Armitage 1525 James St Bellingham, WA 98225</p>
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<p>2020-05-26 14:03:32</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Laura</p>	<p>Arnone</p>	<p>Olympia</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98502</p>	<p>laurie.arnone@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Laura Arnone 1409 Evergreen Park Dr SW Olympia, WA 98502</p>
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<p>2020-05-27 11:54:16</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Russ</p>	<p>Ashleman</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98177</p>	<p>rha@u.washington.edu</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Russ Ashleman 10553 15th Ave NW Seattle, WA 98177</p>
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<p>2020-05-04 10:15:47</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>karen</p>	<p>augustin</p>	<p>Bothell</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98021</p>	<p>neigonger@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, karen augustin 22925 53rd Ave SE Bothell, WA 98021</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 20:18:34</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Yovonne</p>	<p>Autrey-Schell</p>	<p>Ocean Shores</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98569</p>	<p>sulien_1@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>A dam on the Chahalis River is not the answer to flooding issues. DON'T DO IT.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Yovonne Autrey-Schell 360 Duck Lake Dr NE Ocean Shores, WA 98569</p>
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2020-04-30 10:24:57	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Shary	B	Seattle	WA	98101	shary50@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Shary B 1950 Alaskan Way Seattle, WA 98101</p>
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2020-05-26 09:13:49	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	leo	baggenstos	Pe Ell	WA	98572	nickbaggins33@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, leo baggenstos 946 Muller Rd Pe Ell, WA 98572</p>
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2020-04-29 20:10:28	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Peter	Bahls	Port Townsend	WA	98368	peter@nwwatershed.org	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>As a scientist with M.S. Fisheries Science and Aquatic Ecology and Director of Northwest Watershed Institute, I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Peter Bahls 3407 Eddy St Port Townsend, WA 98368</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 22:00:56</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Doug</p>	<p>Baier</p>	<p>Poulsbo</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98370</p>	<p>baierdoug@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Doug Baier 21070 Brevik PI NW Poulsbo, WA 98370</p>
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2020-04-30 08:53:08	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Barney	Baker	Seattle	WA	98125	barney.baker@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Barney Baker 11519 19th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98125</p>
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2020-05-01 13:18:51	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Joni	Baker	Aberdeen	WA	98520	indianmaiden80@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Joni Baker 5924 Central Park Dr Aberdeen, WA 98520</p>
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2020-04-29 20:12:53	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Gordon	Baldwin	Seattle	WA	98122	malatestamaquis@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Gordon Baldwin 2414 E Pine St Seattle, WA 98122</p>
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2020-04-30 16:53:18	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kyra	Ballas	Snohomish	WA	98290	kyraballas@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kyra Ballas 6625 77th Ave SE Snohomish, WA 98290</p>
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2020-05-01 12:31:04	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kiana	ballo	Aberdeen	WA	98520	kianaballo@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kiana ballo 3715 Oyster Pl Aberdeen, WA 98520</p>
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2020-04-30 07:47:37	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Paul	Bannick	Seattle	WA	98199	paul@paulbannick.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Paul</p> <p>Regards, Paul Bannick 3447 Arapahoe Pl W Seattle, WA 98199</p>
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2020-04-30 06:42:41	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	jeanne	barrett	Seattle	WA	98103	jeanne@activestillness.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, jeanne barrett 4902 Phinney Ave N Seattle, WA 98103</p>
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2020-04-30 03:22:53	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Anna	Bascom	Poulsbo	WA	98370	annambascom@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Anna Bascom 17970 Thompson PI NE Poulsbo, WA 98370</p>
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2020-05-01 12:49:49	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Serena	Baserman	Seattle	WA	98119	sbaserman@live.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Serena Baserman 2528 2nd Ave W Seattle, WA 98119</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 22:08:43</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Derek</p>	<p>Basham</p>	<p>Olympia</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98502</p>	<p>dbasham413@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Derek Basham 5546 Keating Rd NW Olympia, WA 98502</p>
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2020-04-30 16:30:35	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Edward	Beaty	Chattaroy	WA	99003	etbeaty@earthlink.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Edward Beaty 22323 N Dunn Rd Chattaroy, WA 99003</p>
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2020-05-10 16:45:52	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Richard	Beaumont	Seattle	WA	98122	beaumont@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Richard Beaumont 1408 E Union St Seattle, WA 98122</p>
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2020-04-29 20:20:07	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Katie	Beaver	Seattle	WA	98117	katiehbeaver@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Katie Beaver 135 NW 78th St Seattle, WA 98117</p>
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2020-04-29 20:38:44	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Lisa	Bedker-Madsen	Arlington	WA	98223	squirrel.bait@outlook.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Lisa Bedker-Madsen 1125 278th St NE Arlington, WA 98223</p>
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2020-04-30 07:40:54	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Sarah	Bedtelyon	Seattle	WA	98105	sshawnthesquare@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sarah Bedtelyon NE 53rd St Seattle, WA 98105</p>
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2020-05-01 12:30:50	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Amy	Behar	Bellevue	WA	98006	amyjbehar@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Amy Behar 4720 162nd Ct SE Bellevue, WA 98006</p>
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2020-04-30 13:31:55	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Arlene	Bell	Seattle	WA	98105	arlenebell@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Arlene Bell 1808 NE Ravenna Blvd Seattle, WA 98105</p>
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2020-04-29 19:57:35	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Jakob	Bengelink	Bellevue	WA	98007	nwfs4life07@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jakob Bengelink 15048 NE 13th St Bellevue, WA 98007</p>
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2020-04-30 14:18:31	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	ken	benoit	Mukilteo	WA	98275	kenbenoit@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, ken benoit 5614 114th St SW Mukilteo, WA 98275</p>
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<p>2020-05-06 12:27:35</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Seth</p>	<p>Berg</p>	<p>Yacolt</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98675</p>	<p>seth_berg@ymail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Seth Berg 410 E Alexander St Yacolt, WA 98675</p>
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2020-04-29 20:27:15	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Richard	Bergner	Anacortes	WA	98221	fidalgowildlifehabitat@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Richard Bergner 15515 Yokeko Dr Anacortes, WA 98221</p>
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<p>2020-05-01 17:31:09</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Kailey</p>	<p>Bernard</p>	<p>Hoquiam</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98550</p>	<p>bernardkailey@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kailey Bernard 82 Dekay Rd Hoquiam, WA 98550</p>
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<p>2020-05-01 12:23:24</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Kelsey</p>	<p>Bernard</p>	<p>Hoquiam</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98550</p>	<p>kelsey.bernard@wsu.edu</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kelsey Bernard 82 Dekay Rd Hoquiam, WA 98550</p>
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2020-05-26 09:35:04	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Rebecca	Beswick	Olympia	WA	98516	bbeswick@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Rebecca Beswick 6931 Kellogg Dr NE Olympia, WA 98516</p>
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2020-04-30 09:11:41	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Keiko	Betcher	Seattle	WA	98105	keiko.marie96@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Keiko Betcher 4714 35th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98105</p>
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2020-04-29 22:14:24	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Barbara	Blackwood	Spokane Valley	WA	99206	barbara.bb@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Barbara Blackwood 11916 E 25th Ave Spokane Valley, WA 99206</p>
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2020-04-30 09:16:52	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Jeff	Blair	Seattle	WA	98144	jeff.ilae@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jeff Blair</p> <p>Seattle, WA 98144</p>
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2020-04-30 07:26:47	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Michael	Blake	Castle Rock	WA	98611	me.blake@icloud.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Additionally, we have seen the negative dam impacts on our fisheries here on the Cowlitz River where at least 80% of our historical runs have been decimated by the dams on this river.</p> <p>Building a Chehalis River dam means destroying another fishery, opting out of 'accountability' when fisheries fail, and ignoring the long term financial environmental impact this project would have.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration,</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Michael Blake</p>
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2020-04-30 23:44:04	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Lisa	Blau-Elliott	Seattle	WA	98133	lisakbe@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Lisa Blau-Elliott 11720 Phinney Ave N Seattle, WA 98133</p>
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2020-05-26 09:24:09	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Byron	blounr	Lakewood	WA	98498	soccer_bird@q.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Byron blounr 9921 120th St SW Lakewood, WA 98498</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 21:36:14</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>jen</p>	<p>blume</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98115</p>	<p>jenblume10@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, jen blume 3131 NE 83rd St Seattle, WA 98115</p>
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2020-04-29 20:13:32	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	WILLIAM	BOOTH	Bainbridge Island	WA	98110	bbbooth@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, WILLIAM BOOTH 450 Wood Ave SW Bainbridge Island, WA 98110</p>
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2020-04-29 20:19:04	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	WILLIAM	BOOTH	Bainbridge Island	WA	98110	bbbooth@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>m\Maybe you should deal with the underlying problem rather than the symptom - flooding. Maybe the land use in the upper basin is the cause of the flooding: over harvesting forest; too much land cleared; too many acres in hardened roads and roofs; too much channelization instead of allowing flooding to occur in low areas of the headwaters.</p> <p>Just do not offer us only an engineered solution to the symptoms.</p> <p>Regards, WILLIAM BOOTH 450 Wood Ave SW Bainbridge Island, WA 98110</p>
2020-05-03 13:21:44	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	James	Bracher	Kirkland	WA	98033	jimbracher@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>The days of big dams are over. While some people remain committed to 19th century technologies, we have better options today. Wind and solar are wiser investments. Less impact on the environment, more resilient, more flexible, and much more.</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The</p>

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2020-05-05 16:40:57	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kenari	Breshem	Chimacum	WA	98325	iranek@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kenari Breshem PO Box 251 Chimacum, WA 98325</p>
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2020-04-30 03:44:26	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Anna	Brewer	Bellevue	WA	98004	annekea1@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Anna Brewer 575 Bellevue Square Bellevue, WA 98004</p>
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<p>2020-05-03 19:58:04</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Thomas</p>	<p>Brissenden</p>	<p>Bellingham</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98229</p>	<p>mr.brissenden@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Thomas Brissenden 3500 Connelly Ave Bellingham, WA 98229</p>
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2020-04-29 19:20:04	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Isaac	Brooks	Pullman	WA	99163	isaacbrooks26@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Isaac Brooks 960 NE C St Pullman, WA 99163</p>
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2020-05-02 11:01:15	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Amelia	Brower	Seattle	WA	98105	ameliabrower@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Amelia Brower 4514 NE 55th St Seattle, WA 98105</p>
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2020-04-29 23:13:32	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	George	Brumwell	Burien	WA	98146	gkeith777@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, George Brumwell 13249 1st Ave SW Burien, WA 98146</p>
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2020-04-29 20:13:06	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	jud	bruton	Gig Harbor	WA	98332	judbruton@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, jud bruton 11814 16th Ave NW Gig Harbor, WA 98332</p>
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2020-04-29 21:09:47	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Anita	Bryant	Seattle	WA	98105	feathy@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Anita Bryant 2110 NE Park Rd Seattle, WA 98105</p>
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2020-04-29 20:24:14	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Rachel	Budelsky-Olson	Bellingham	WA	98225	exbudelsky@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Rachel Budelsky-Olson 505 Ridgeway Dr Bellingham, WA 98225</p>
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2020-04-30 07:53:49	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Eric	Burr		WA	98833	burrski@methownet.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Eric Burr 585 Lost River Rd , WA 98833</p>
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2020-05-26 11:34:18	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Clayton	Butler	Seattle	WA	98102	claytonjbutler1@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Clayton Butler 2200 Franklin Ave E Seattle, WA 98102</p>
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2020-05-01 12:47:14	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Adrienne	Buxbaum	Seattle	WA	98109	adriennebux@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Adrienne Buxbaum 909 4th Ave N Seattle, WA 98109</p>
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2020-04-30 10:17:35	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Michael	Caboose	Washougal	WA	98671	michael.j.c460053@icloud.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Michael Caboose 2615 NE 359th Ave Washougal, WA 98671</p>
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2020-05-03 14:53:22	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Courtney	Campbell	Montesano	WA	98563	fst442@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Courtney Campbell 940 Stephenson Dr Montesano, WA 98563</p>
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<p>2020-05-03 17:14:23</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Katrina</p>	<p>Campbell</p>	<p>Sequim</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98382</p>	<p>tyzane503@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Katrina Campbell 92 Eagle Pl Sequim, WA 98382</p>
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2020-04-29 20:39:32	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Sarah	Campbell	Tacoma	WA	98444	sctigerz@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sarah Campbell 814 116th St S Tacoma, WA 98444</p>
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2020-04-30 19:46:13	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Tonja	Campbell	Winthrop	WA	98862	tonjacampbell@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Tonja Campbell 13 Wintergreen Rd Winthrop, WA 98862</p>
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2020-04-30 06:54:05	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Mark	Canright	Rockport	WA	98283	pittle.r.us@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Mark Canright 11589 Martin Rd Rockport, WA 98283</p>
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2020-04-29 22:55:57	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Linda	Caputo	Bellevue	WA	98005	lindacaputo@live.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Linda Caputo 704 126th Ave NE Bellevue, WA 98005</p>
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2020-05-26 11:22:06	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Nadia	Carrim	Woodinville	WA	98072	isle4delfino@aol.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>Thank you to Conservation Northwest for creating awareness. I am a Northwest resident who loves to know my state has done its best to protect the ecosystems and habits that make the Northwest unique, healthy and thriving. I fully support and encourage alternative strategies to solve flooding and infrastructure problems with far more consideration for the land we call home. I do not support the Chehalis dam without further consideration on the impact this will have on the surrounding ecosystem. It is up to us to set an example of responsible activity and infrastructure as a state that has always prided itself on its interest in environmental solutions. This dam is not the best solution. We must do better. Thank you -Nadia</p> <p>From Conservation Northwest- I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p>
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2020-04-30 05:24:10	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Cas	carrol	Seattle	WA	98122	casCarol@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Cas carrol 695 22nd Ave Seattle, WA 98122</p>
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2020-04-30 15:37:09	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Leigh	Casbourne	Rochester	WA	98579	leiac@live.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Leigh Casbourne 19933 Tahoma Cir SW Rochester, WA 98579</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 20:02:12</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Alisse</p>	<p>Cassell</p>	<p>Camano</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98282</p>	<p>alisse.b.cassell@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Alisse Cassell 806 Sundown Ln Camano, WA 98282</p>
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2020-05-27 07:52:21	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Alisse	Cassell	Camano	WA	98282	alisse.b.cassell@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Alisse Cassell 806 Sundown Ln Camano, WA 98282</p>
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2020-04-30 07:00:12	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Victoria	Castle	Langley	WA	98260	victoria@victoriacastle.us	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Victoria Castle 115 Second Street Langley, WA 98260</p>
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2020-05-20 23:35:40	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Emily	Chan	Seattle	WA	98144	emmmily.chan@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Emily Chan</p> <p>Seattle, WA 98144</p>
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2020-04-29 23:14:21	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Debra	Chang	Bellingham	WA	98225	jazzkoo@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River because it would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Debra Chang 2500 H St Bellingham, WA 98225</p>
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2020-04-30 19:42:23	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Lisa	Chatterton	Puyallup	WA	98371	pslhchatterton@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Lisa Chatterton 825 16th St SW Puyallup, WA 98371</p>
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2020-04-30 07:05:44	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Lauren	Christensen	Lummi Island	WA	98262	osmrgarlic@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Lauren Christensen 2083 Hilltop Rd Lummi Island, WA 98262</p>
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2020-05-18 10:41:18	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Allison	Ciancibelli	Twisp	WA	98856	newbelli@centurytel.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Allison Ciancibelli 240 Twisp River Rd Twisp, WA 98856</p>
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2020-04-29 22:29:26	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Sandra	Ciske	Seattle	WA	98116	sciske@drizzle.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sandra Ciske 1717 Sunset Ave SW Seattle, WA 98116</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 10:33:31</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Charleen Cobb</p>	<p>Bellingham WA 98229</p>	<p>snowflakegirl6390@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem.</p> <p>There is always more than one solution to any problem, one that doesn't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people. Please allow the opportunity to seriously consider alternatives.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Charleen Cobb 2 Fawn Court Bellingham, WA 98229</p>
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2020-05-01 15:34:23	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Frank	Coccia	Seattle	WA	98115	fdc83@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Frank Coccia 437 NE 72nd St Seattle, WA 98115</p>
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2020-05-01 15:35:49	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Sue	Coccia	Edmonds	WA	98020	coccia8720@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sue Coccia 1153 C Ave S Edmonds, WA 98020</p>
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2020-04-29 20:40:43	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Frazier	Coe	Bellingham	WA	98225	foc21@email.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Frazier Coe 228 Bayside Rd Bellingham, WA 98225</p>
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<p>2020-05-04 10:13:08</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Patricia</p>	<p>Coffey</p>	<p>Langley</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98260</p>	<p>drcoffey@whidbey.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Patricia Coffey 2253 Woodbine Rd Langley, WA 98260</p>
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2020-04-30 09:20:52	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Rebecca	Cole	Vancouver	WA	98684	shaktishantivanam@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Rebecca Cole 508 NE 128th Ave Vancouver, WA 98684</p>
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2020-04-30 18:34:52	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Rebecca	Cole	Vancouver	WA	98684	shaktishantivanam@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Rebecca Cole 508 NE 128th Ave Vancouver, WA 98684</p>
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2020-05-26 17:36:17	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Georgia	Coleman	Seattle	WA	98105	gwc083@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Georgia Coleman</p> <p>Seattle, WA 98105</p>
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<p>2020-05-03 20:52:28</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Lyle</p>	<p>Collins</p>	<p>Yakima</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98908</p>	<p>collinsl@yakima.net</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Lyle Collins 200 N 70th Ave Yakima, WA 98908</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 22:46:12</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Taeya</p>	<p>Collins</p>	<p>Tacoma</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98407</p>	<p>airh00pstr@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Taeya Collins 4903 N Huson St Tacoma, WA 98407</p>
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2020-04-30 21:32:38	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Taeya	Collins	Tacoma	WA	98407	airh00pstr@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Taeya Collins 4903 N Huson St Tacoma, WA 98407</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 23:32:33</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Leah</p>	<p>Collister</p>	<p>Tacoma</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98403</p>	<p>leahcollister@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Leah Collister 319 N Tacoma Ave Tacoma, WA 98403</p>
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2020-04-30 20:40:12	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Lynn	Colson	Bellingham	WA	98229	Immccemail@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Lynn Colson 4740 Austin Ct Bellingham, WA 98229</p>
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2020-04-30 09:58:33	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Mike	Conlan	Redmond	WA	98052	mikeconlan@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Mike Conlan 6421 139th Ave NE Redmond, WA 98052</p>
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2020-04-30 20:13:47	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Mike	Conlan	Redmond	WA	98052	mikeconlan@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Mike Conlan 6421 139th Ave NE Redmond, WA 98052</p>
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2020-04-29 21:07:57	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Roger	Contor	Port Townsend	WA	98368	contorr@olympus.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Roger Contor 1322 Washington St Port Townsend, WA 98368</p>
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2020-05-06 09:51:51	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Langdon	Cook	Seattle	WA	98118	langdoncook@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Langdon Cook 5015 52nd Ave S Seattle, WA 98118</p>
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2020-05-01 07:35:57	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Simone	Cook	Seattle	WA	98115	zingie@aol.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Simone Cook 1244 NE 89th St Seattle, WA 98115</p>
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2020-04-30 09:38:04	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Jonathan	Cooper	Seattle	WA	98122	jcooper@fhcrc.org	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jonathan Cooper 643 Randolph Pl Seattle, WA 98122</p>
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2020-05-01 11:23:46	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Nancy	Cooper	Bainbridge Island	WA	98110	nleecooper@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Nancy Cooper 1643 Jeannette Pl NW Bainbridge Island, WA 98110</p>
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2020-04-30 10:29:10	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Robin	Cottrell	Mount Vernon	WA	98273	robnwill98@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Robin Cottrell 11831 Bayview Edison Rd Mount Vernon, WA 98273</p>
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2020-04-30 09:48:17	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Keith	Cowan	Seattle	WA	98126	leftymanu@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Keith Cowan 3709 SW Trenton St Seattle, WA 98126</p>
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2020-05-01 08:38:30	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Keith	Cowan	Seattle	WA	98126	leftymanu@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Keith Cowan 3709 SW Trenton St Seattle, WA 98126</p>
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<p>2020-05-25 11:19:50</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Brianna</p>	<p>Cowin</p>	<p>Centralia</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98531</p>	<p>cowinbrianna@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Brianna Cowin 1613 Mellen St Centralia, WA 98531</p>
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2020-04-29 21:15:03	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Sandra	cox	Kirkland	WA	98034	sandylist@dogculture.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sandra cox 11682 Holmes Point Dr NE Kirkland, WA 98034</p>
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2020-04-30 17:40:21	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Susan	Crampton	Twisp	WA	98856	scrampton@methownet.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>Although I live in North Central Washington, I pay attention to land, water, fish and wildlife issues in throughout Washington State. As a 73 year old resident of the Pacific NW, I have seen many of the practices that I grew up and took for granted to be shown to have side-effects. Instead of continuing on a trajectory to follow past mistakes, to "throw good money after bad", we need to make changes to do things in a different way, in a more long term sustainable way.</p> <p>I support the public and tribal input that looks to a better developed DEIS and inclusion of an alternative to building a dam for flood damage reduction. I support the language from Conservation Northwest below.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
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2020-04-30 13:15:51	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kristin	Crawford	Black Diamond	WA	98010	klavonnec@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kristin Crawford 32721 5th Ave Black Diamond, WA 98010</p>
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2020-04-30 16:53:52	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kristin	Crawford	Black Diamond	WA	98010	klavonnec@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kristin Crawford 32721 5th Ave Black Diamond, WA 98010</p>
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2020-04-29 20:14:40	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	James	Cronin	Spokane	WA	99201	jjcro2112@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, James Cronin 2525 W Maxwell Ave Spokane, WA 99201</p>
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<p>2020-05-01 10:33:26</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>James Cronin</p>	<p>Spokane</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>99201</p>	<p>jjcro2112@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, James Cronin 2525 W Maxwell Ave Spokane, WA 99201</p>
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<p>2020-05-03 15:21:38</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Marion</p>	<p>Crook</p>	<p>Bremerton</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98337</p>	<p>crookmarion@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Marion Crook 827 Dr M.L.K. Way Bremerton, WA 98337</p>
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<p>2020-05-01 22:49:35</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Benjamin Cross</p>	<p>Cross</p>	<p>Tumwater</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98501</p>	<p>bekecr@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Benjamin Cross 1122 39th Ct SE Tumwater, WA 98501</p>
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2020-04-29 23:50:57	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Nancy	Crowell	La Conner	WA	98257	nkcrowell@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Nancy Crowell 528 Rd St La Conner, WA 98257</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 20:30:16</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Courtney</p>	<p>Cundiff</p>	<p>Auburn</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98001</p>	<p>courtneycundiff@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Courtney Cundiff 29009 46th PI S Auburn, WA 98001</p>
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2020-05-05 05:50:55	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Janet	Curran	Kingston	WA	98346	jmcurran42@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Janet Curran 26291 NE Pennsylvania Ave Kingston, WA 98346</p>
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2020-05-27 08:01:30	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Colleen	Curtis	Bellingham	WA	98229	colleenhcurtis@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Colleen Curtis 1520 Chuckanut Crest Dr Bellingham, WA 98229</p>
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2020-04-30 10:06:54	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Thad	Curtz	Olympia	WA	98501	curtzt@nuprometheus.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>Another dam on a Washington salmon river is not what we need. Let's find alternative solutions to the flooding problems on the Chehalis, through flood reduction and mitigation strategies, and habitat restoration.</p> <p>Regards, Thad Curtz 113 17th Ave SE Olympia, WA 98501</p>
2020-05-01 15:43:36	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Cameron	Dacey	Seattle	WA	98122	cmdacey98@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

<p>2020-04-29 22:34:14</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Suzann</p>	<p>Daley</p>	<p>Shoreline</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98177</p>	<p>shopper@daley.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>As a parent and lifelong Washingtonian, I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Since most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that do not force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments.</p> <p>Regards, Suzann Daley 529 NW 197th St Shoreline, WA 98177</p>
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2020-04-30 21:20:08	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	KENSEY	DALY	Seattle	WA	98118	kenseyjoy@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, KENSEY DALY 4810 S Holly St Seattle, WA 98118</p>
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2020-05-01 17:05:38	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Samuel	DAmbrosia	Seattle	WA	98105	sam.dambrosia@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Samuel DAmbrosia 5255 17th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98105</p>
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<p>2020-05-02 12:49:59</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Diana</p>	<p>dannoun</p>	<p>Edmonds</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98026</p>	<p>dianadannoun@aol.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Diana dannoun</p> <p>Edmonds, WA 98026</p>
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2020-04-30 02:59:58	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Anita	Das	Seattle	WA	98125	anitaandeliot@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Anita Das 849 NE 104th St Seattle, WA 98125</p>
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2020-04-30 08:37:02	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Emily	Davis	Seattle	WA	98112	emilydedavis@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Emily Davis</p> <p>Seattle, WA 98112</p>
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<p>2020-05-15 16:53:22</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Jean</p>	<p>Davis</p>	<p>Hoquiam</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98550</p>	<p>jeandart303@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do NOT support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jean Davis 303 Cottage Ave Hoquiam, WA 98550</p>
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2020-04-30 18:41:24	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Nora	Davis	Index	WA	98256	norajd@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Nora Davis PO Box 214 Index, WA 98256</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 23:04:10</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Virginia</p>	<p>Davis</p>	<p>Woodinville</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98072</p>	<p>ginny1218@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project.</p> <p>I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Virginia Davis 17721 NE 156th St Woodinville, WA 98072</p>
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2020-04-29 20:38:58	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Vicki Day	Bellingham	WA	98225	vickiday14@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Vicki Day 713 Wilson Ave Bellingham, WA 98225</p>
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2020-05-03 19:21:40	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Nathalie	de Beeck	Tacoma	WA	98406	ivyfern@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project.</p> <p>I support sustainable development and improving salmon habitat, because our species are so depleted and in trouble already. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This backward project would destroy hundreds of acres of carbon-capturing forest, migratory-species-friendly riparian habitat, and wetlands, and would degrade essential spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>A dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways and the wild spaces we as humans need too. The current Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes, and other community members to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local spaces while restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have only a limited time to get this right—a dam project would take us in the wrong direction for the twenty-first century.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Nathalie de Beeck</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 20:38:10</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Jo</p>	<p>Deese</p>	<p>Kettle Falls</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>99141</p>	<p>dcdeese@centurytel.net</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jo Deese 510 Meyers St Kettle Falls, WA 99141</p>
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<p>2020-05-03 16:48:52</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Marg</p>	<p>DeFord</p>	<p>Poulsbo</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98370</p>	<p>deford@embarqmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Marg DeFord</p> <p>Poulsbo, WA 98370</p>
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<p>2020-05-26 13:08:12</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Mark</p>	<p>DeLaurier</p>	<p>Oakville</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98568</p>	<p>uggiesemail@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. Please do not dam the Chehalis River. As someone who grew up in the area, this river and its habitats have great personal importance to me, and I do not want to see it further degraded by a dam.</p> <p>Dams kill rivers. That is a fact. As a result, I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Do not condemn the Chehalis River to being dammed.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Mark DeLaurier 87 Cemetery Rd Oakville, WA 98568</p>
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2020-05-27 07:38:47	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Roger	Delmar	Port Townsend	WA	98368	roger.delmar@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Roger Delmar 293 Boardwalk Ave Port Townsend, WA 98368</p>
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2020-04-30 09:16:08	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Renee	DeMartin	Seattle	WA	98106	rdemartin.photo.design@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Renee DeMartin 4408 Delridge Way SW Seattle, WA 98106</p>
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<p>2020-05-13 22:01:12</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Mary</p>	<p>DeVany</p>	<p>Vancouver</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98685</p>	<p>mdevany@earthlink.net</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Mary DeVany 14507 NW 19th Ave Vancouver, WA 98685</p>
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2020-05-14 03:59:15	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Mary	DeVany	Vancouver	WA	98685	mdevany@earthlink.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Mary DeVany 14507 NW 19th Ave Vancouver, WA 98685</p>
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<p>2020-05-01 12:44:56</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Lizbeth</p>	<p>DeWitt</p>	<p>Bellingham</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98226</p>	<p>lizbethandewitt@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>We need LESS dams, not more! Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Lizbeth DeWitt</p> <p>Bellingham, WA 98226</p>
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2020-05-01 14:07:54	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Debbie	Dimler	Aberdeen	WA	98520	browngirl44@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Debbie Dimler 509 Duffy St Aberdeen, WA 98520</p>
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2020-05-01 14:41:07	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Oceana	Dimler	Aberdeen	WA	98520	oceanableu@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Oceana Dimler</p> <p>Aberdeen, WA 98520</p>
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2020-04-30 17:15:53	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	J	doeman	Seattle	WA	98136	onejeroen@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, J doeman 8801 Fautleroy Way SW Seattle, WA 98136</p>
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2020-04-30 16:52:31	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Diane	Doles	Seattle	WA	98122	ddoles3@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Diane Doles 643 Randolph Pl Seattle, WA 98122</p>
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<p>2020-05-26 12:47:32</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Babs</p>	<p>Downward</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98199</p>	<p>swordfern@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Babs Downward 3100 W Ruffner St Seattle, WA 98199</p>
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2020-05-04 11:56:31	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Breanna	Duffy	Bellingham	WA	98225	bkbduffy@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Breanna Duffy 1610 James St Bellingham, WA 98225</p>
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2020-05-27 08:04:46	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kelsi Dunn	Dunn	Seattle	WA	98116	kelsimaree@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kelsi Dunn 4539 51st Pl SW Seattle, WA 98116</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 21:55:27</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>David</p>	<p>Dunneback</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98112</p>	<p>david.dunneback@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>NO DAMN. NO WAY</p> <p>Regards, David Dunneback 214 18th Ave E Seattle, WA 98112</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 20:05:39</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>David</p>	<p>Dunneback</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98112</p>	<p>david.dunneback@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, David Dunneback 214 18th Ave E Seattle, WA 98112</p>
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2020-04-30 01:28:34	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	patrick	durkin	Seattle	WA	98101	durkinpjhwy61@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, patrick durkin 116 Stewart St Seattle, WA 98101</p>
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2020-04-30 18:16:14	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Tim	Durnell	Rice	WA	99167	sdurnell@centurytel.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Tim Durnell 3087 Daisy Mine Rd Rice, WA 99167</p>
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2020-04-30 10:22:44	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Karen	Edwards	Winthrop	WA	98862	4tarn2swim@methownet.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Karen Edwards 87 Wolf Creek Rd Winthrop, WA 98862</p>
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2020-04-30 10:40:06	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Glenn	Eklund	Oak Harbor	WA	98277	glostuggage@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Glenn Eklund 4975 Jones Rd Oak Harbor, WA 98277</p>
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2020-04-30 08:56:36	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Leonard	Elliott	Auburn	WA	98002	len_elliott@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Leonard Elliott 2006 Riverview Dr NE Auburn, WA 98002</p>
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2020-04-29 20:17:53	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Christopher	Ellis	Lacey	WA	98509	chrisellis657@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Christopher Ellis PO Box 5303 Lacey, WA 98509</p>
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2020-04-30 23:46:57	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Jane	Erickson	Sequim	WA	98382	janeyerickson@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jane Erickson 241 Dungeness Meadows Sequim, WA 98382</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 20:35:49</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Karen</p>	<p>Erlander</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98115</p>	<p>karenerlander@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Karen Erlander</p> <p>Seattle, WA 98115</p>
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2020-04-30 16:34:29	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Bronwen	Evans	Seattle	WA	98104	bronwynnevans@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Bronwen Evans 219 James St Seattle, WA 98104</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 12:06:25</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Justin</p>	<p>Faber</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98125</p>	<p>jwfabe@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Justin Faber 12329 Roosevelt Way NE Seattle, WA 98125</p>
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<p>2020-05-02 21:09:25</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Jennifer</p>	<p>Fairchild</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98118</p>	<p>fairchildjl@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jennifer Fairchild 4809 54th Ave S Seattle, WA 98118</p>
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2020-05-04 09:37:32	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Veronica	Fairchild	Seattle	WA	98118	fairchildv@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Veronica Fairchild 4108 S Oregon St Seattle, WA 98118</p>
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2020-04-30 12:47:32	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Katherine	Fancher	Seattle	WA	98117	kate_fancher1@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Katherine Fancher 9228 8th Ave NW Seattle, WA 98117</p>
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2020-05-02 10:51:52	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	John	Farrell	Bow	WA	98232	jfarrell@wavecable.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, John Farrell 4347 Colony Mountain Dr Bow, WA 98232</p>
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2020-04-29 21:49:57	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Thomas	Fawell	Portland	OR	97212	tfawell@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Thomas Fawell 2204 NE 38th Ave Portland, OR 97212</p>
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2020-04-30 08:10:25	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	james	ferrara	Port Ludlow	WA	98365	ferrara@q.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, james ferrara 404 Olympus Blvd Port Ludlow, WA 98365</p>
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2020-05-01 07:40:13	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	james	ferrara	Port Ludlow	WA	98365	ferrara@q.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, james ferrara 404 Olympus Blvd Port Ludlow, WA 98365</p>
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2020-04-30 07:00:25	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Craig	Feyk	Edmonds	WA	98020	cfeyk@outlook.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I am strongly opposed to the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Craig Feyk 9705 236th PI SW Edmonds, WA 98020</p>
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2020-05-27 08:52:54	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Craig	Feyk	Edmonds	WA	98020	cfeyk@outlook.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Craig Feyk 9705 236th PI SW Edmonds, WA 98020</p>
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2020-04-29 20:35:18	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Elizabeth	Fields	Port Townsend	WA	98368	fields1e@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Elizabeth Fields 1322 Washington St Port Townsend, WA 98368</p>
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<p>2020-05-01 12:17:56</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Jack</p>	<p>Fiorillo</p>	<p>Bellingham</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98225</p>	<p>jackfiorillo1999@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jack Fiorillo 1407 Humboldt St Bellingham, WA 98225</p>
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2020-04-30 00:55:09	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	gloria	fischer	Pullman	WA	99163	g123456f@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, gloria fischer 905 SW City View St Pullman, WA 99163</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 21:39:55</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Aaron</p>	<p>Fordham</p>	<p>Gig Harbor</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98332</p>	<p>fordham.aaron@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Aaron Fordham 15112 27th Ave NW Gig Harbor, WA 98332</p>
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2020-04-29 22:41:26	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Karen	Fortier	Monroe	WA	98272	klfortier@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Karen Fortier 28129 Florence Acres Rd Monroe, WA 98272</p>
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2020-05-01 12:41:16	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Emma	Fougere	Pullman	WA	99163	emmafougere12@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Emma Fougere 1302 Cougar Way Pullman, WA 99163</p>
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2020-04-30 07:10:56	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Annie	Foy	Burien	WA	98166	h2oani78@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Annie Foy 1202 SW 150th St Burien, WA 98166</p>
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2020-04-29 21:30:13	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	kirk	francis	Langley	WA	98260	luddite@whidbey.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>FRANKLY, I DON'T WANT A DAM, and I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, kirk francis 4750 Goldsmith Rd Langley, WA 98260</p>
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2020-04-30 21:36:49	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	kirk	francis	Langley	WA	98260	luddite@whidbey.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>Fish and other wildlife don't vote, but I do, and I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, kirk francis 4750 Goldsmith Rd Langley, WA 98260</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 20:25:59</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>simon</p>	<p>frazer</p>	<p>Clinton</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98236</p>	<p>whidbeysimon@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, simon frazer 6991 High Meadow Dr Clinton, WA 98236</p>
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2020-04-29 23:22:28	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Stephanie	Frizzell	Olympia	WA	98506	ferrell11@riseup.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Stephanie Frizzell 206 Lilly Rd NE Olympia, WA 98506</p>
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2020-04-29 20:30:26	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Judy	Fruhbauer	Bellingham	WA	98229	judyred@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Judy Fruhbauer 37 Little Strawberry Ln Bellingham, WA 98229</p>
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<p>2020-05-01 21:01:18</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Alison</p>	<p>Fujino</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98109</p>	<p>ali@drachen.org</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people. The Covid incident is a wake up call for us save the things we love for now and the future.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Alison Fujino 2212 Queen Anne Ave N Seattle, WA 98109</p>
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2020-04-30 09:38:54	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	David	Galyean	Rochester	WA	98579	david.galyean@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, David Galyean 18111 Forstrom St SW Rochester, WA 98579</p>
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2020-05-05 13:30:24	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Anita	Ganz	Montesano	WA	98563	anitaganz@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Anita Ganz 255 Monte Brady Rd Montesano, WA 98563</p>
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2020-05-01 20:41:19	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	J	Garcia	Black Diamond	WA	98010	r.p.loved4life212@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, J Garcia</p> <p>Black Diamond, WA 98010</p>
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2020-04-30 21:50:13	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Joseph Garcia	Bellingham WA	98225	jgarcia_bellingham@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Joseph Garcia 701 11th St Bellingham, WA 98225</p>
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2020-05-04 09:56:17	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Joseph	Gardner	Seattle	WA	98133	joegardner21@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Joseph Gardner 12508 N Park Ave N Seattle, WA 98133</p>
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2020-05-05 07:12:55	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Maureen	Gardner	Seattle	WA	98103	maureen_gardner@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Maureen Gardner 2308 N 65th St Seattle, WA 98103</p>
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2020-04-29 19:58:00	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Bradley	Garrett		WA	99016	rohanhorse@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Bradley Garrett 5612 S Linke Rd , WA 99016</p>
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2020-05-27 08:35:39	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Karen	Genest	Mount Vernon	WA	98273	genest.karen@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Karen Genest 3301 Village Ct Mount Vernon, WA 98273</p>
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2020-05-01 09:53:24	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Sudeshna	Ghosh	Auburn	WA	98001	dew4dogs211@rediffmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sudeshna Ghosh 4248 S 288th St Auburn, WA 98001</p>
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2020-04-30 16:56:41	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Greg	Giboney	Tukwila	WA	98188	alliedtilesetters@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Greg Giboney 17006 53rd Ave S Tukwila, WA 98188</p>
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<p>2020-05-26 20:06:35</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Manuela</p>	<p>Giese</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98119</p>	<p>manuela.giese@icloud.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Manuela Giese 3263 Conkling Pl W Seattle, WA 98119</p>
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2020-04-30 10:51:33	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Raymond Gill	Bothell	WA	98021	don.gill41@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Raymond Gill 200 217th PI SW Bothell, WA 98021</p>
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2020-04-30 17:17:08	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Raymond	Gill	Bothell	WA	98021	don.gill41@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Raymond Gill 200 217th PI SW Bothell, WA 98021</p>
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2020-04-30 17:55:57	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Susan	Gill	Maple Valley	WA	98038	susangill@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Susan Gill 23307 SE 225th St Maple Valley, WA 98038</p>
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2020-04-30 09:39:35	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Mark	Gillis	Issaquah	WA	98029	markgi@microsoft.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Mark Gillis 5319 228th Ave SE Issaquah, WA 98029</p>
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2020-04-30 11:05:15	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Nancy	Gisse	Lacey	WA	98503	ngisse@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Nancy Gisse 4409 Timberline Dr SE Lacey, WA 98503</p>
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2020-04-30 06:17:18	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Michael	Gladstone	Tacoma	WA	98406	ondelanobay@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Michael Gladstone 3305 N 22nd St Tacoma, WA 98406</p>
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2020-04-30 11:21:09	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Hal	Glidden	Bellingham	WA	98225	hgld@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Hal Glidden 419 Briar Rd Bellingham, WA 98225</p>
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2020-05-25 20:45:15	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Julie	Glover	Clinton	WA	98236	julieg@whidbey.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>The Chehalis Basin contains key wildlife corridors that allow species to move between the Cascade Mountains, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula. A proposal to build a massive dam on the Chehalis River in southwest Washington would SEVERELY THREATEN this ecosystem and degrade critical fish and wildlife habitat. That's why I'm giving my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project: DO NOT build a large dam on the Chehalis River!!!</p> <p>Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change. The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. WHY does the current Draft EIS fail to analyze at all impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats that wildlife need???</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people. PLEASE THINKSERIOUSLY ABOUT THIS!!!!</p> <p>Regards, Julie Glover 7292 Maxwellton Rd Clinton, WA 98236</p>
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2020-04-29 20:47:00	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Marcy	Golde	Seattle	WA	98109	marcy@golde.org	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Marcy Golde 116 Fairview Ave N Seattle, WA 98109</p>
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2020-05-04 06:43:50	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	John	Goodman	Bellingham	WA	98229	goodman.wb@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, John Goodman 1704 Fairhaven Ave Bellingham, WA 98229</p>
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<p>2020-05-02 19:28:36</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Yvette</p>	<p>Goot</p>	<p>Colville</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>99114</p>	<p>yvetteolsen@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Yvette Goot</p> <p>Colville, WA 99114</p>
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<p>2020-05-02 19:31:01</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Yvette</p>	<p>Goot</p>	<p>Colville</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>99114</p>	<p>yvetteolsen@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Yvette Goot</p> <p>Colville, WA 99114</p>
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2020-04-30 06:55:24	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	David	Gordon	Seattle	WA	98112	davedebg@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, David Gordon 614 23rd Ave E Seattle, WA 98112</p>
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<p>2020-05-26 22:25:02</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Jerome</p>	<p>Graber</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98122</p>	<p>jeromegraber@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jerome Graber 1407 19th Ave Seattle, WA 98122</p>
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2020-04-29 20:06:20	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Joyce	Grajczyk	Kent	WA	98031	jag4848@cocmast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Joyce Grajczyk 12026 SE 216th St Kent, WA 98031</p>
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2020-04-30 22:41:05	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Tyler	Graves	Tonasket	WA	98855	tyler.graves78@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Tyler Graves 123 State St Tonasket, WA 98855</p>
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2020-04-30 07:54:36	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Amber	Gravett	Seabeck	WA	98380	amber@ambergravett.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. Let me ask first: are you insane for thinking a dam in the way to go? Are you from the 1940s? Do you actually know or read anything about how dams have e destroyed every ecosystem they have touched?</p> <p>I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Amber Gravett 7270 Columbine Pl NW Seabeck, WA 98380</p>
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2020-04-30 20:46:02	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kristina	Gravette	Issaquah	WA	98027	ktgravette@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kristina Gravette 425 Mt Park Blvd SW Issaquah, WA 98027</p>
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2020-05-10 21:53:59	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kristina	Gravette	Issaquah	WA	98027	ktgravette@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kristina Gravette 425 Mt Park Blvd SW Issaquah, WA 98027</p>
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<p>2020-05-01 12:23:46</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Hannah</p>	<p>Griffith</p>	<p>Issaquah</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98029</p>	<p>hannahgriffith20@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Hannah Griffith 1366 Brooklyn Walk NE Issaquah, WA 98029</p>
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<p>2020-05-03 15:53:55</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Cate</p>	<p>Grinzell</p>	<p>La Conner</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98257</p>	<p>catemcgrinz@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Cate Grinzell 418 Umatilla Dr La Conner, WA 98257</p>
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2020-05-01 09:11:44	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Ted	Grudowski	Seattle	WA	98125	tgrudowski@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Ted Grudowski 2803 NE 115th St Seattle, WA 98125</p>
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<p>2020-05-25 11:29:41</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Ted</p>	<p>Grudowski</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98125</p>	<p>tgrudowski@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>There is no place for a new dam in Washington's landscape. It is harmful. It is not the right answer. And ultimately it will cost us so much.</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Ted Grudowski 2803 NE 115th St Seattle, WA 98125</p>
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2020-04-29 18:22:44	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Chase	Gunnell	Seattle	WA	98117	chasegunnell@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Chase Gunnell 1015 NW 83rd St Seattle, WA 98117</p>
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2020-05-26 09:43:44	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Alexandra	Gustafson	Seattle	WA	98103	axgustaf@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Alexandra Gustafson 6015 Phinney Ave N Seattle, WA 98103</p>
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2020-05-02 16:51:05	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Charles	Gustafson	Bow	WA	98232	gustafson111@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Charles Gustafson 887 Chuckanut Ridge Dr Bow, WA 98232</p>
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2020-04-30 19:21:52	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Janis	Hadley	Seattle	WA	98119	hadleyjan@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Janis Hadley 218 W Comstock St Seattle, WA 98119</p>
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2020-04-30 07:17:45	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Lawrence	Halford	Winthrop	WA	98862	bluesky mind51@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Lawrence Halford 7 Homestead Rd Winthrop, WA 98862</p>
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2020-04-30 09:26:54	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Mitchell	Halliday	Renton	WA	98059	mitchhad@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Mitchell Halliday 1727 Nile Ave NE Renton, WA 98059</p>
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<p>2020-05-02 10:35:51</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Lisa</p>	<p>Halston</p>	<p>Redmond</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98053</p>	<p>nivette2@msn.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Lisa Halston 6720 240th Way NE Redmond, WA 98053</p>
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<p>2020-05-03 16:03:19</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Sarah</p>	<p>Hamman</p>	<p>Olympia</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98502</p>	<p>sthamman5@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as critical for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians like the Oregon spotted frog and other wildlife species; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. This is all on top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, non-profits, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative, innovative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of uninhibited human building, short-sighted land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sarah Hamman 1967 Westridge Ln NW Olympia, WA 98502</p>
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2020-05-27 10:02:34	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Sarah	Hamman	Olympia	WA	98502	sthamman5@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. This is all on top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes, farmers, City and County representatives, and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Since most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sarah Hamman 1967 Westridge Ln NW Olympia, WA 98502</p>
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2020-04-30 17:56:28	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Judith	Hance	Seattle	WA	98115	judithhance2@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Judith Hance 7300 47th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98115</p>
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<p>2020-05-17 09:35:25</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Leanne</p>	<p>Hand</p>	<p>Chehalis</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98532</p>	<p>leannederthal@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Leanne Hand 251 Chandler Rd Chehalis, WA 98532</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 11:19:32</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Nancy</p>	<p>Hannah</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98115</p>	<p>nancyhannah75@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Nancy Hannah 7526 27th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98115</p>
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2020-04-29 23:46:34	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Jacquelyn	Hanson	Seattle	WA	98177	jacquelynhanson@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jacquelyn Hanson 12756 1st Ave NW Seattle, WA 98177</p>
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2020-04-30 13:26:16	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	peter	hapke	Seattle	WA	98144	peter@hapkelaw.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, peter hapke 2640 Shoreland Dr S Seattle, WA 98144</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 20:13:30</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Jacqueline Harper</p>	<p>Kirkland WA</p>	<p>98033</p>	<p>jackiedern@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jacqueline Harper 9708 116th Ave NE Kirkland, WA 98033</p>
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<p>2020-05-02 17:39:14</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Steven</p>	<p>Harper</p>	<p>Bellingham</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98229</p>	<p>stevenharper2@msn.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Steven Harper 121 Bear Creek Ln Bellingham, WA 98229</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 20:24:47</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Courtney Harris</p>	<p>Shoreline WA</p>	<p>98177</p>	<p>courtneyharris@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Courtney Harris 19702 20th Ave NW Shoreline, WA 98177</p>
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2020-04-30 10:16:05	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Susan	Harris	Bainbridge Island	WA	98110	susanharris4382@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Susan Harris 1075 Hawley Way NE Bainbridge Island, WA 98110</p>
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2020-05-04 10:50:59	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Katherine Harrison	Seattle	WA	98133	kateharrison@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Katherine Harrison 12508 N Park Ave N Seattle, WA 98133</p>
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2020-05-05 07:04:05	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Peggy	Harrison	Seattle	WA	98133	pegarrison@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Peggy Harrison 12508 N Park Ave N Seattle, WA 98133</p>
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<p>2020-05-26 10:12:25</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Jennifer</p>	<p>Hartman</p>	<p>Rice</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>99167</p>	<p>jennilouhart@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jennifer Hartman 2011 Clemons Rd Rice, WA 99167</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 20:17:30</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Kathleen</p>	<p>Hartman</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98112</p>	<p>kathartman@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kathleen Hartman 1036 Washington PI E Seattle, WA 98112</p>
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<p>2020-05-22 11:40:14</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Katherine</p>	<p>Hasenjaeger</p>	<p>Bellingham</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98225</p>	<p>k.hasenjaeger@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. Dams are not a good solution as they create more problems than they attempt to solve. Therefore, I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Katherine Hasenjaeger 1802 Larrabee Ave Bellingham, WA 98225</p>
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<p>2020-05-01 12:18:36</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>SARAH</p>	<p>HAUGHNEY</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98105</p>	<p>shaughney6@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, SARAH HAUGHNEY 5255 17th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98105</p>
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2020-04-30 08:44:14	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Elizabeth	Hauser	Olympia	WA	98501	elizha@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Elizabeth Hauser 210 17th Ave SE Olympia, WA 98501</p>
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2020-05-27 07:16:51	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Lea	Haynes	Issaquah	WA	98027	leamckee3@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Lea Haynes 1030 Wildwood Blvd SW Issaquah, WA 98027</p>
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2020-04-30 14:56:49	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Mark	Heckert	Puyallup	WA	98374	bethmark_98@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Mark Heckert 13708 124th Ave Ct E Puyallup, WA 98374</p>
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2020-04-29 23:56:13	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	RENNA	HELLFELDT	Puyallup	WA	98373	renna_hell@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, RENNA HELLFELDT 8330 110th St E Puyallup, WA 98373</p>
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2020-05-25 11:34:39	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Brian	Henling	Seattle	WA	98105	brian.henling+chehalis@ursus-tech.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Brian Henling 4816 NE 47th St Seattle, WA 98105</p>
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2020-05-25 11:23:29	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Molly	Henling	Seattle	WA	98105	mhenling.15@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Molly Henling 4816 NE 47th St Seattle, WA 98105</p>
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2020-04-29 20:26:20	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Meghan	Heppner	Coupeville	WA	98239	mheppner@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Meghan Heppner 1019 NE Summit Loop Coupeville, WA 98239</p>
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<p>2020-05-17 20:20:44</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Ilsa</p>	<p>Hesse</p>	<p>Hoquiam</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98550</p>	<p>ilsagutrune@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Ilsa Hesse UNITED STATES Hoquiam, WA 98550</p>
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2020-04-30 09:00:04	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Marilyn	Heuser	Snohomish	WA	98290	ursagalaxy11@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Marilyn Heuser 1120 13th St Snohomish, WA 98290</p>
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2020-04-29 23:54:07	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Amy	Heyneman	Bainbridge Island	WA	98110	amyheyneman@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Amy Heyneman 10579 NE Manor Ln Bainbridge Island, WA 98110</p>
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2020-04-30 13:14:51	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Susan	Heywood	Tacoma	WA	98408	sisters_2@msn.coms	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Susan Heywood 1311 S 54th St Tacoma, WA 98408</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 20:05:16</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Sonja</p>	<p>Hinz</p>	<p>Bellingham</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98225</p>	<p>sonja.hinz@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sonja Hinz 2823 Birchwood Ave Bellingham, WA 98225</p>
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2020-04-30 08:00:46	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Samuel	Hoang	Seattle	WA	98115	samhoang@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Samuel Hoang 6009 53rd Ave NE Seattle, WA 98115</p>
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2020-04-30 12:22:31	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Julie	Hoerner	Tacoma	WA	98407	juler4@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Julie Hoerner 4114 N Huson St Tacoma, WA 98407</p>
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2020-04-30 08:52:30	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Michael	Hoffman	Kirkland	WA	98033	hoffman_randq_consulting@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Michael Hoffman 12905 NE 94th St Kirkland, WA 98033</p>
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<p>2020-05-17 11:13:14</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Sharlene</p>	<p>hoffman</p>	<p>Chehalis</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98532</p>	<p>sharhoff12000@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sharlene hoffman 307 Chandler Rd Chehalis, WA 98532</p>
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<p>2020-05-16 20:08:07</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Nick</p>	<p>Holden</p>	<p>Vancouver</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98685</p>	<p>nickbholden@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Nick Holden 2902 NW 124th St Vancouver, WA 98685</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 22:26:27</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Terry</p>	<p>holden</p>	<p>Prosser</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>99350</p>	<p>hevelholden@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Terry holden PO Box 408 Prosser, WA 99350</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 22:29:45</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Terry</p>	<p>holden</p>	<p>Prosser</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>99350</p>	<p>hevelholden@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Terry holden PO Box 408 Prosser, WA 99350</p>
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2020-04-30 13:46:39	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Christian	Holtz	Seattle	WA	98117	choltzphoto@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Christian Holtz 7001 Seaview Ave NW Seattle, WA 98117</p>
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2020-04-30 12:57:35	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Thomas	Holz	Olympia	WA	98502	tomholz@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>Below find my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Thomas Holz 3403 Steamboat Island Road Northwest Olympia, WA 98502</p>
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2020-05-17 09:14:48	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Damien	Homiak	Olympia	WA	98502	d8l8h8@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Damien Homiak 420 Sherman St SW Olympia, WA 98502</p>
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2020-04-29 20:24:51	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Karen	Hoover	Bremerton	WA	98312	cattwmn@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Karen Hoover 387 Nollwood Ln Bremerton, WA 98312</p>
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<p>2020-05-11 14:05:07</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Suzanne</p>	<p>Hostetter</p>	<p>Rochester</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98579</p>	<p>bernese@aol.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. This dam is not the answer = it would cause way too much damage to our environment and therefore to our lives and those of future generations.</p> <p>I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Suzanne Hostetter PO Box 717 Rochester, WA 98579</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 21:08:14</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Alison</p>	<p>Howard</p>	<p>Maple Falls</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98266</p>	<p>alihowie9@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Alison Howard 6356 Overland Trail Maple Falls, WA 98266</p>
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2020-04-30 05:24:38	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Sabory	Huddle	Olympia	WA	98501	sabory@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sabory Huddle 1415 9th Ave SE Olympia, WA 98501</p>
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2020-04-30 06:35:48	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Edward	Hudgins	Issaquah	WA	98027	ed258@icloud.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>The proposed Chehalis dam would irreversibly disrupt animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people. Haven't we learned anything from the Elwa?</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Edward Hudgins 25803 SE 138th St Issaquah, WA 98027</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 21:28:51</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Kevin</p>	<p>Hughes</p>	<p>Anacortes</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98221</p>	<p>anevolver@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kevin Hughes 1206 11th St Anacortes, WA 98221</p>
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2020-05-01 09:25:52	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kevin	Hughes	Anacortes	WA	98221	anevolver@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kevin Hughes 1206 11th St Anacortes, WA 98221</p>
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2020-05-02 09:58:05	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Ethan	Hunger	Bellingham	WA	98229	ethan.hunger@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Ethan Hunger 329 Viewcrest Rd Bellingham, WA 98229</p>
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<p>2020-05-25 13:24:09</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Christine</p>	<p>Hunsaker</p>	<p>Port Orchard</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98367</p>	<p>hunsakerfamily@msn.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Christine Hunsaker 3500 SE St James Ct Port Orchard, WA 98367</p>
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2020-04-30 17:44:45	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Jane	Hutchinson	Olympia	WA	98506	janehutchi227@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jane Hutchinson 211 Pattison St NE Olympia, WA 98506</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 20:06:21</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Demetrios</p>	<p>Ilias</p>	<p>Redmond</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98052</p>	<p>demetri.ilias@live.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>Hello,</p> <p>My name is Demetri, and I am a Washington State resident who cares deeply about our environment, the communities it serves, and a sustainable future.</p> <p>I'm writing to you to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you, Demetri</p> <p>Regards, Demetrios Ilias 10028 186th Ct NE Redmond, WA 98052</p>
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2020-05-01 08:04:09	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Lura	irish	Lakebay	WA	98349	lbirish@earthlink.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Lura irish 1302 Key Peninsula Hwy NW Lakebay, WA 98349</p>
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2020-04-30 09:36:13	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kathryn	Jacobs	Chelan	WA	98816	kjacobs@pennelynn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kathryn Jacobs 117 Eldorado Pl Chelan, WA 98816</p>
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2020-05-01 09:58:49	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kathryn	Jacobs	Chelan	WA	98816	kjacobs@pennelynn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kathryn Jacobs 117 Eldorado Pl Chelan, WA 98816</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 08:02:44</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>THOMAS</p>	<p>JACOBS</p>	<p>Mercer Island</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98040</p>	<p>pilot131@aol.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>A dam does not take the place of continuing bad practices.</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, THOMAS JACOBS 3040 78th Ave SE Mercer Island, WA 98040</p>
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2020-04-29 20:32:15	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Wagonfeld	James	Seattle	WA	98104	jimwagonfeld@me.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Wagonfeld James 1009 Western Ave Seattle, WA 98104</p>
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2020-04-30 16:40:52	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Cynthia	Jatul	Seattle	WA	98115	jatul3563@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Cynthia Jatul 6854 18th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98115</p>
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2020-04-29 22:34:33	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Tara	Javadpour	Seattle	WA	98119	tara_27_99@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Tara Javadpour 200 1st Ave W Seattle, WA 98119</p>
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2020-04-30 15:43:05	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Pam	Jenkins	Olga	WA	98279	pamelajenkins@centurytel.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Pam Jenkins 92 Roehl's Bluff Ln Olga, WA 98279</p>
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2020-04-30 09:33:00	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Craig	Jensen	Edmonds	WA	98026	drcraigj@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Craig Jensen 6803 164th PI SW Edmonds, WA 98026</p>
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2020-05-27 14:57:39	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Lynda	Jensen	Maple Falls	WA	98266	3wyseacres@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>As climate change increases, we increasingly need our trees, especially our old trees. Removing them to slow an effect of climate change strikes a rational mind as particularly short sighted.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Lynda Jensen 2441 Blackbird Valley Ln Maple Falls, WA 98266</p>
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2020-05-01 23:42:54	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Robert Jensen	Lacey	WA	98503	rvmijensen@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Robert Jensen 4031 21st Ave SE Lacey, WA 98503</p>
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2020-04-29 20:31:06	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Belinda	Jimenez		WA	98365	chibeeluna@icloud.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Belinda Jimenez</p> <p>, WA 98365</p>
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2020-05-18 08:06:41	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Bridgette	Johnson	Kirkland	WA	98034	bridgettejohnson@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Bridgette Johnson</p> <p>Kirkland, WA 98034</p>
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2020-04-29 20:30:35	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Chase	Johnson	Olympia	WA	98502	c.johnson1022337@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Chase Johnson 3403 Steamboat Island Road Northwest Olympia, WA 98502</p>
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2020-04-30 08:46:32	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Colleen	Johnson	Seattle	WA	98126	johnsoncolleen066@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Colleen Johnson 9222 30th Ave SW Seattle, WA 98126</p>
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2020-04-29 21:12:09	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	erik	johnson	Belfair	WA	98528	ejgogreen@outlook.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, erik johnson 19601 WA-106 Belfair, WA 98528</p>
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2020-04-30 13:40:36	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Gordon	Johnson	Colville	WA	99114	gordyjohnson1785@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Gordon Johnson 1785 Aladdin Rd Colville, WA 99114</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 21:33:14</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Mark</p>	<p>Johnson</p>	<p>Ferndale</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98248</p>	<p>tuckeeho@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Mark Johnson 5880 Church Rd Ferndale, WA 98248</p>
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2020-04-30 08:35:24	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Matt	Johnson	Seattle	WA	98118	northfalke@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Matt Johnson 3504 S Morgan St Seattle, WA 98118</p>
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2020-04-29 23:51:51	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Matthew Johnson	Bellingham	WA	98226	thunderbird@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Matthew Johnson 3150 Orleans St Bellingham, WA 98226</p>
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2020-04-30 10:22:57	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Richard Johnson	Mercer Island	WA	98040	toxothurston@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Richard Johnson 4650 Forest Ave SE Mercer Island, WA 98040</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 08:02:38</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Richard Johnson</p>	<p>Bellingham WA</p>	<p>98229</p>	<p>jazzpacnw@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Richard Johnson 6 Overlake Ct Bellingham, WA 98229</p>
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2020-05-04 16:34:42	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Sandra	Johnson	Renton	WA	98055	sandi_johnson@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sandra Johnson 11230 SE 182nd St Renton, WA 98055</p>
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2020-04-30 13:11:51	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Manisha	Joshi	Seattle	WA	98115	maj1500@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Manisha Joshi 8244 20th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98115</p>
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2020-04-30 05:42:00	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Olga	Kachook	Lynnwood	WA	98037	olka@frontier.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Olga Kachook 4228 174th PI SW Lynnwood, WA 98037</p>
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2020-05-01 06:15:11	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Olga	Kachook	Lynnwood	WA	98037	olka@frontier.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Olga Kachook 4228 174th PI SW Lynnwood, WA 98037</p>
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2020-04-30 07:50:39	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Mark	Kacmarcik	Wenatchee	WA	98801	mark.kacmarcik@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Mark Kacmarcik 140 S Emerson Ave Wenatchee, WA 98801</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 20:27:12</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Melissa</p>	<p>Kalles</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98148</p>	<p>missyjean130@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Melissa Kalles 117 S 174th St Seattle, WA 98148</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 09:25:24</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Peter</p>	<p>Kelly</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98125</p>	<p>12pixelpete@comcast.net</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Peter Kelly 10623 Exeter Ave NE Seattle, WA 98125</p>
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2020-04-30 09:01:12	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Paul	Kennard	Seattle	WA	98115	pkennard1@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. I write as a water professional, and state licenced hydrogeologist.</p> <p>This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Paul Kennard 6201 24th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98115</p>
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2020-05-22 15:24:44	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Stephen	Kenny	Port Orchard	WA	98367	s_kenny10@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Stephen Kenny</p> <p>Port Orchard, WA 98367</p>
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2020-04-30 21:19:28	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Annmarie Kent	Kent	Burlington	WA	98233	anniekent7@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>We know that this is a bad idea. We know that the monetary gain comes at a cost of ecosystem services that no manmade dollar could buy. We're robbing ourselves of healthy water, the one thing that unites all living beings.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Annmarie Kent 1042 Opal Ln Burlington, WA 98233</p>
2020-04-30 06:49:57	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	David Kerlick	Kerlick	Seattle	WA	98126	david.kerlick@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

2020-04-29 20:59:58	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	James	Keyes	Seattle	WA	98133	jamiekeyes@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, James Keyes 12032 Palatine Ave N Seattle, WA 98133</p>
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<p>2020-05-04 13:25:18</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>GayLee</p>	<p>Kilpatrick</p>	<p>Olympia</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98516</p>	<p>dougandgaylee@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, GayLee Kilpatrick 5907 Sleepy Hollow Ln NE Olympia, WA 98516</p>
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2020-05-01 06:10:09	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Marcia	Kindinger	Seattle	WA	98146	mwk3@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Marcia Kindinger 11033 Arroyo Beach Pl SW Seattle, WA 98146</p>
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2020-05-01 03:17:21	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Sara	Kiner	Seattle	WA	98125	sbkiner@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sara Kiner 12714 27th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98125</p>
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2020-04-30 08:03:17	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	marcy	king	Oroville	WA	98844	marcyking@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, marcy king 1234 Ironwood St Oroville, WA 98844</p>
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2020-04-29 20:18:14	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Sandra	King	Kelso	WA	98626	sking360@aol.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sandra King 1965 Westside Hwy Kelso, WA 98626</p>
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<p>2020-05-03 20:49:56</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Erik</p>	<p>Kingfisher</p>	<p>Port Townsend</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98368</p>	<p>erikjkingfisher@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. Please instead use more thorough watershed management approaches that incorporate 21st century forestry approaches to managing the forests there in a way that reduces runoff and increases overall water retention in the forests and soils. The technology to do this planning exists, the models can easily be run - it's the willingness of the forest owners to change that is the biggest hurdle.</p> <p>We need to be thinking 50+ years out, and with the predicted changes to the precipitation patterns, we need to be managing the forests in a way that service more than just short-term cash returns, and start to service the water needs and management that affects downstream landowners - especially farmers.</p> <p>This project as proposed would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p>
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2020-05-01 12:17:38	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kristen-Marie	Kirkby	Winthrop	WA	98862	catostomus33@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kristen-Marie Kirkby 28 Northcott Rd Winthrop, WA 98862</p>
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2020-04-30 08:21:39	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Julia	Kladnik	Tonasket	WA	98855	juliasand7@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Julia Kladnik 15 W 5th St Tonasket, WA 98855</p>
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2020-04-29 22:06:01	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Elizabeth	Klein	Tacoma	WA	98422	kleinink007@me.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Elizabeth Klein 4801 Hyada Blvd NE Tacoma, WA 98422</p>
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<p>2020-05-03 15:38:40</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Jesse</p>	<p>Kleinman</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98105</p>	<p>yidlfidl@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Unfortunately, ecological destruction also opens the possibility of new pandemics such as the one we are all suffering from now. Please explore alternatives that would reduce flooding while preserving and restoring vital habitats and meeting the needs of fish, wildlife, and local communities including various First Peoples communities.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jesse Kleinman 4817 Terrace Dr NE Seattle, WA 98105</p>
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2020-04-30 10:39:02	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Charles	Klyn	Seattle	WA	98126	csklyn@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Charles Klyn 7515 28th Ave SW Seattle, WA 98126</p>
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2020-05-26 16:21:29	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Blake	Knobbd	Seattle	WA	98105	blakeknobbe221@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Blake Knobbd 4210 Brooklyn Ave NE Seattle, WA 98105</p>
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2020-04-30 15:07:32	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	SARAH	KNUDSEN	Winthrop	WA	98862	sarahnils@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, SARAH KNUDSEN 1110 WA-20 Winthrop, WA 98862</p>
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2020-04-29 23:54:14	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Sheila	Koerner	Nine Mile Falls	WA	99026	granolasjk@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sheila Koerner 16910 N Wylie Dr Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026</p>
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2020-04-29 20:09:31	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kathrine	Kofoed	Vancouver	WA	98685	kathrine9@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kathrine Kofoed 1416 NW 113th St Vancouver, WA 98685</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 21:27:16</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Sybil</p>	<p>Kohl</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98115</p>	<p>sybkohl@msn.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sybil Kohl 8001 Sand Point Way NE Seattle, WA 98115</p>
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2020-05-27 08:48:26	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Sybil	Kohl	Seattle	WA	98115	sybkohl@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sybil Kohl 8001 Sand Point Way NE Seattle, WA 98115</p>
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2020-04-30 08:08:53	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	John	Koriath	Vashon	WA	98070	john.koriath@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, John Koriath</p> <p>Vashon, WA 98070</p>
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2020-04-29 20:27:49	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Michelle	Krall	Bellevue	WA	98006	michelle.krall41@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Michelle Krall</p> <p>Bellevue, WA 98006</p>
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2020-05-21 09:57:11	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Marquam	Krantz	Bainbridge Island	WA	98110	marquamk@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Marquam Krantz 5698 NE Wild Cherry Ln Bainbridge Island, WA 98110</p>
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2020-04-29 22:52:55	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Danielle	Kuchler	Ellensburg	WA	98926	dek1093@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Danielle Kuchler 1111 E University Way Ellensburg, WA 98926</p>
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2020-04-29 20:14:40	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Walter	Kuciej	Seattle	WA	98199	walterk74@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Walter Kuciej 4212 35th Ave W Seattle, WA 98199</p>
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2020-04-30 08:04:24	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Walter	Kuciej	Seattle	WA	98199	walterk74@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Walter Kuciej 4212 35th Ave W Seattle, WA 98199</p>
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2020-04-30 00:35:37	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Elsie	Lamb	Bellingham	WA	98225	elsievz1@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do NOT support the proposal to build a dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>We already have made too many "dam" mistakes regarding the building of dams, and our orcas and other species are suffering large and quite possibly permanent damage as a result. To build yet another dam would be the epitome of not learning from our mistakes -- downright stupid.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Elsie Lamb 205 N Garden St Bellingham, WA 98225</p>
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2020-04-30 11:11:26	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Michael Lampi	Lampi	Bellevue	WA	98008	politics@lampi.us	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Michael Lampi 2667 170th Ave SE Bellevue, WA 98008</p>
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2020-04-29 21:50:29	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Marcus	Lanskey	Port Orchard	WA	98366	mlanskey@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Marcus Lanskey 5722 E Collins Rd Port Orchard, WA 98366</p>
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<p>2020-05-03 16:09:50</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Jean</p>	<p>Lanz</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98122</p>	<p>lanzjb@earthlink.net</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jean Lanz 1600 30th Ave Seattle, WA 98122</p>
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2020-05-25 13:27:18	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	R	Larson	Mount Vernon	WA	98274	rayakama@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, R Larson 109 S 27th St Mount Vernon, WA 98274</p>
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2020-05-25 13:28:02	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	R	Larson	Mount Vernon	WA	98274	rayakama@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, R Larson 109 S 27th St Mount Vernon, WA 98274</p>
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2020-04-29 21:00:18	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Nadine	LaVonne	Seattle	WA	98107	nlavonne@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Nadine LaVonne 2031 NW 59th St Seattle, WA 98107</p>
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2020-04-29 23:09:27	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	George	Lawson	Lopez Island	WA	98261	glawson4005@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, George Lawson 642 Cape St Mary Rd Lopez Island, WA 98261</p>
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2020-05-01 15:02:14	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Katherine	Layton	Seattle	WA	98105	kjl原因@uw.edu	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Katherine Layton 5229 21st Ave NE Seattle, WA 98105</p>
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2020-05-11 15:43:30	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Yvonne	Leach	Vashon	WA	98070	yvonneleach@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Yvonne Leach 10983 Point Vashon Dr SW Vashon, WA 98070</p>
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2020-05-27 14:14:35	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Joyce	LeCompte	Rochester	WA	98579	joycelecompte@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Joyce LeCompte PO Box 862 Rochester, WA 98579</p>
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<p>2020-05-27 13:38:35</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>anthony lee</p>	<p>Bremerton</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98312</p>	<p>lee91103@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, anthony lee 2327 Ridgeway Dr NW Bremerton, WA 98312</p>
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2020-04-30 18:55:15	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	John	Lee	Langley	WA	98260	john.lee@whidbey.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, John Lee 3580 E Overlook Dr Langley, WA 98260</p>
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2020-04-29 20:07:46	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kathleen	Lee	Lacey	WA	98503	kathyjlee60@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kathleen Lee 5533 37th Ave SE Lacey, WA 98503</p>
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2020-04-29 20:50:00	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Joy	Lewis	Issaquah	WA	98027	joy.c.olson@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Joy Lewis 29126 SE 64th St Issaquah, WA 98027</p>
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2020-04-30 11:21:38	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Sara	Lewis	Bothell	WA	98011	ourwildpugetsound+news@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sara Lewis</p> <p>Bothell, WA 98011</p>
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2020-04-30 07:43:59	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Lynn	Lichtenberg	Everett	WA	98201	mimlichtenberg@frontier.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Lynn Lichtenberg 501 Colby Ave Everett, WA 98201</p>
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2020-04-29 20:37:47	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Paul	Lindholdt	Spokane	WA	99224	plindholdt@ewu.edu	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Paul Lindholdt 1007 S Primrose Ln Spokane, WA 99224</p>
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<p>2020-05-03 17:11:50</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Anna</p>	<p>Linzer</p>	<p>Indianola</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98342</p>	<p>twolinzers@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Anna Linzer 9200 NE Shore Dr Indianola, WA 98342</p>
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2020-04-30 00:03:22	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Karen	Lissy	Spokane Valley	WA	99206	karenis4ever@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Karen Lissy 10422 E Broadway Ave Spokane Valley, WA 99206</p>
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2020-04-29 21:08:16	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Jen	Lockett	Bremerton	WA	98311	lockettjk@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jen Lockett 2181 NE Eton Ln Bremerton, WA 98311</p>
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<p>2020-05-26 15:26:29</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Alexandra</p>	<p>loeb</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98122</p>	<p>alexandra.w.loeb@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Alexandra loeb 1122 E Pike St Seattle, WA 98122</p>
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<p>2020-05-02 14:20:03</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Andrea</p>	<p>Lonseth</p>	<p>Sumner</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98390</p>	<p>backyardhousefinch@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Andrea Lonseth 224 Alder Ave Sumner, WA 98390</p>
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2020-04-30 16:36:41	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	James	Loran	Port Angeles	WA	98362	jvlcml@olympen.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>Dams make no damn sense! Do NOT build a dam when removal of dams is essential for the health of the natural world at this time of stress on natural systems. Human health depends on a healthy environment. Disregarding this truth puts human health and lives at risk. - James Loran</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, James Loran 345 Bear Meadow Rd Port Angeles, WA 98362</p>
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<p>2020-05-26 06:29:14</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Elise</p>	<p>Lufkin</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98102</p>	<p>egbl@cox.net</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide input on the DEIS for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project.</p> <p>I am against building a large dam on the Chehalis River. A large dam would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Elise Lufkin 2817 10th Ave E Seattle, WA 98102</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 20:19:40</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Thom</p>	<p>Lufkin</p>	<p>Olympia</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98501</p>	<p>thomlufkin@comcast.net</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Thom Lufkin 212 21st Ave SE Olympia, WA 98501</p>
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2020-04-29 21:53:56	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Vanassa	Lundheim	Everett	WA	98203	vanassa220@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Vanassa Lundheim 5304 Beverly Ln Everett, WA 98203</p>
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2020-04-29 20:53:10	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Mike	Lyman	Colville	WA	99114	mike@mikelyman.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Mike Lyman 1250 N Hwy Colville, WA 99114</p>
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2020-04-29 20:32:51	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	David	M	Winthrop	WA	98862	moskowitz_david@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, David M PO Box 1023 Winthrop, WA 98862</p>
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2020-04-30 07:29:07	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Cathy	Macchio	Issaquah	WA	98029	cmacchio@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Cathy Macchio 2358 30th Ave NE Issaquah, WA 98029</p>
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2020-05-04 07:05:13	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Alethea	Macomber	Custer	WA	98240	alethea612@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Alethea Macomber 2774 Haynie Rd Custer, WA 98240</p>
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2020-05-26 16:56:26	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kayla	Magers	Issaquah	WA	98029	kaylamagers@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kayla Magers 3850 Klahanie Dr SE Issaquah, WA 98029</p>
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2020-05-20 07:59:42	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Stasha	Magruder	Pe Ell	WA	98572	stashamae32@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Stasha Magruder 331 Jones Rd Pe Ell, WA 98572</p>
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2020-04-30 05:44:40	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Debbie	Mahder	Battle Ground	WA	98604	missonyxk9@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Debbie Mahder 303 NE 10th St Battle Ground, WA 98604</p>
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<p>2020-05-01 12:03:34</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Marwa</p>	<p>Mahmoud</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98105</p>	<p>marwajulie@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Marwa Mahmoud 5255 17th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98105</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 21:53:16</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Erika</p>	<p>Malone</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98117</p>	<p>ms.erikamalone@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Erika Malone 7028 8th Ave NW Seattle, WA 98117</p>
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2020-04-30 10:50:54	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	naomi	margolis	Redmond	WA	98052	naomim@microsoft.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, naomi margolis One Microsoft Way Redmond, WA 98052</p>
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2020-05-01 12:59:49	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Trevor	Marquis	Issaquah	WA	98027	trevormarquis@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Trevor Marquis 4239 192nd Ct SE Issaquah, WA 98027</p>
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<p>2020-05-01 13:20:18</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Christopher</p>	<p>Marrs</p>	<p>Port Townsend</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98368</p>	<p>chrismarrs157@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Stop the logging and replant in areas that are contributing to the run off that is causing the flooding. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Christopher Marrs 157 Haada Laas Rd Port Townsend, WA 98368</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 11:35:18</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Anne</p>	<p>Marshall</p>	<p>Olympia</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98506</p>	<p>annermarshall22@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Anne Marshall 3128 33rd Ln NE Olympia, WA 98506</p>
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2020-04-30 06:41:42	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Amy	Martin	Vancouver	WA	98685	wildlifefans@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Amy Martin 313 NW 107th Cir Vancouver, WA 98685</p>
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2020-04-29 20:48:12	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kimberly	Martin	Lynnwood	WA	98037	kim.villines@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kimberly Martin 18516 11th Ave W Lynnwood, WA 98037</p>
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2020-04-30 11:44:28	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Meghan	McCutcheon	White Salmon	WA	98672	meghan.mccutcheon@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Meghan McCutcheon 215 NW Country Place Road White Salmon, WA 98672</p>
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2020-04-30 10:31:21	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Michael	McGee	Olympia	WA	98513	twodogmike@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's unbelievably stupid Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Michael McGee 8801 Spurgeon Creek Rd SE Olympia, WA 98513</p>
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<p>2020-05-27 07:49:54</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Erin</p>	<p>McKee</p>	<p>Tacoma</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98404</p>	<p>erin.grace.mckee@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Erin McKee 3631 Spokane St Tacoma, WA 98404</p>
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2020-05-04 14:24:00	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Jack	McLeod	Bothell	WA	98012	jackhuck@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jack McLeod 17504 Valley Cir Dr Bothell, WA 98012</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 20:37:36</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Tom</p>	<p>McNeely</p>	<p>Bellingham</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98225</p>	<p>tomm87@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Tom McNeely 2300 Broadway Bellingham, WA 98225</p>
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2020-05-26 09:15:49	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Lisa	McShane	Bow	WA	98232	lisa1451@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Lisa McShane 11291 Samish Island Rd Bow, WA 98232</p>
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2020-05-22 22:00:05	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Patricia	Menzies	Tenino	WA	98589	pmenzies48@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm sure you've gotten tons of the original email with all the details of why we oppose the new dam on the Chehalis. I just want to add my voice in a short, personal note. This dam would be a terrible mistake.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Patricia Menzies 6610 Churchill Rd SE Tenino, WA 98589</p>
2020-04-29 20:13:03	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Jacob	Meyer	North Bonneville	WA	98639	meyerjak@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

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<p>2020-05-01 21:07:43</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>William</p>	<p>Middlebrooks</p>	<p>Bellingham</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98226</p>	<p>middlebrooks@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, William Middlebrooks 2659 MacKenzie Rd Bellingham, WA 98226</p>
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2020-05-27 07:49:35	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	William	Middlebrooks	Bellingham	WA	98226	middlebrooks@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, William Middlebrooks 2659 MacKenzie Rd Bellingham, WA 98226</p>
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<p>2020-05-06 12:44:07</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Marie</p>	<p>Miles</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98116</p>	<p>mimimiles6@msn.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Marie Miles</p> <p>Seattle, WA 98116</p>
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2020-04-30 09:15:40	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Krystal	Miller	Seattle	WA	98126	oneyearoftrash@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Krystal Miller 7706 32nd Ave SW Seattle, WA 98126</p>
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2020-04-30 09:18:12	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Krystal	Miller	Seattle	WA	98126	oneyearoftrash@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Krystal Miller 7706 32nd Ave SW Seattle, WA 98126</p>
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2020-04-29 20:10:47	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Vicky	Miller	Edmonds	WA	98026	vickymiller@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Vicky Miller 8123 236th St SW Edmonds, WA 98026</p>
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2020-05-26 15:01:00	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Marshall	Miller- Rosendahl	Bellevue	WA	98004	marshmillermm@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Marshall Miller-Rosendahl 1332 Bellefield Park Ln Bellevue, WA 98004</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 21:34:19</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Edward Mills</p>	<p>Bellevue</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98008</p>	<p>edward@kidem.org</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Edward Mills 264 West Lake Sammamish Pkwy NE Bellevue, WA 98008</p>
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2020-05-19 13:45:32	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Joan	Milton	Spokane	WA	99203	joanmiltonrd@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River.</p> <p>I realize there needs to be action taken to prevent flooding but i do not think a good solution has yet been found. Please continue to look for options that would not be a detriment to Washington states' beautiful wildlife , especially the endangered species like the marbled murrelet, and sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>As noted in the Draft EIS, climate change has led to increased frequency and intensity of storms that put this area at risk. But, Washington states' innovative thinkers can come up with a better solution than this dam. that can balance the needs of fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Joan Milton 904 W Comstock Ct Spokane, WA 99203</p>
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2020-05-03 09:42:09	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Robert	Mirasole	Spokane Valley	WA	99206	firedg@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Robert Mirasole 9116 E Sprague Ave Spokane Valley, WA 99206</p>
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2020-04-30 11:02:08	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Brandon	Moberg	Seattle	WA	98109	brandon.l.moberg@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Brandon Moberg 810 Dexter Ave N Seattle, WA 98109</p>
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2020-04-30 08:59:21	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Stephanie	modjeski	Bothell	WA	98011	missmodjeski@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Stephanie modjeski 9515 NE 180th St Bothell, WA 98011</p>
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<p>2020-05-20 08:49:59</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Robin</p>	<p>Moore</p>	<p>Hoquiam</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98550</p>	<p>rlm392@comcast.net</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Robin Moore 620 8th St Hoquiam, WA 98550</p>
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2020-04-30 08:00:34	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Sandra	Moore	Colville	WA	99114	rsktmoore@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sandra Moore 1467 Onion Creek Rd Colville, WA 99114</p>
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<p>2020-05-01 13:56:08</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Homa</p>	<p>Moosavi</p>	<p>Issaquah</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98027</p>	<p>homamoosavi1@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Homa Moosavi</p> <p>Issaquah, WA 98027</p>
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2020-05-21 09:51:09	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Geo	More		WA	98378	geo_21_m@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Geo More</p> <p>, WA 98378</p>
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2020-04-30 16:12:47	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Tess	Morgan	Seattle	WA	98116	tessmorganlimitless@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Tess Morgan 4701 SW Admiral Way Seattle, WA 98116</p>
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2020-05-03 18:27:16	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Janine	Moss	Poulsbo	WA	98370	janinemoss@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Janine Moss 5821 NE Lincoln Rd E Poulsbo, WA 98370</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 12:28:52</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Amy</p>	<p>Mower</p>	<p>Maple Falls</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98266</p>	<p>almower@earthlink.net</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Amy Mower 7392 Mt Baker Hwy Maple Falls, WA 98266</p>
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2020-04-29 20:18:19	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	James	Mulcare	Clarkston	WA	99403	xsecretsx@cableone.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, James Mulcare 1110 Benjamin St Clarkston, WA 99403</p>
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2020-04-30 09:03:13	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Susan	Murawski	Gig Harbor	WA	98329	s_murawski@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Susan Murawski 15621 171st Ave NW Gig Harbor, WA 98329</p>
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<p>2020-05-26 12:08:31</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Devon</p>	<p>Musgrave</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98144</p>	<p>devonmus@outlook.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Devon Musgrave 711 25th Ave S Seattle, WA 98144</p>
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2020-04-29 20:18:24	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Carrie	Mussey	Carnation	WA	98014	carrie.carriea@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Carrie Mussey 31234 NE 114th St Carnation, WA 98014</p>
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<p>2020-05-01 12:19:35</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Darby</p>	<p>Nabb</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98107</p>	<p>darby.cndoo@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Darby Nabb 5007 9th Ave NW Seattle, WA 98107</p>
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2020-04-30 09:28:13	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Sheree	Neal	Redmond	WA	98053	sneal@polarisappliedsciences.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sheree Neal 11717 200th Ave NE Redmond, WA 98053</p>
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2020-04-30 08:26:54	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Dan	Nelson	Puyallup	WA	98371	dan@adventuresnw.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Dan Nelson 515 6th St NW Puyallup, WA 98371</p>
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2020-05-03 13:53:43	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Katherine	Nelson	Kent	WA	98031	nicoeli3@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Katherine Nelson 9445 S 232nd St Kent, WA 98031</p>
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<p>2020-05-25 11:16:44</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Rachael</p>	<p>Nelson</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98103</p>	<p>rachaelenel@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Rachael Nelson 906 N 91st St Seattle, WA 98103</p>
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<p>2020-05-05 15:21:27</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Ila</p>	<p>Newman</p>	<p>Twisp</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98856</p>	<p>ilag@centurytel.net</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Ila Newman 240 Twisp River Rd Twisp, WA 98856</p>
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2020-05-05 15:22:25	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Ila	Newman	Twisp	WA	98856	ilag@centurytel.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Ila Newman 240 Twisp River Rd Twisp, WA 98856</p>
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2020-04-30 21:21:40	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	dan	nguyen	Bothell	WA	98012	tinandzig@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, dan nguyen 321 172nd Pl SE Bothell, WA 98012</p>
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2020-04-30 16:18:30	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Amanda	Niles	Bremerton	WA	98312	amandaniles18@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Amanda Niles 4131 J St Bremerton, WA 98312</p>
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2020-04-30 08:08:28	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kim	Northrop	Spokane	WA	99224	mkimberlei@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kim Northrop 12617 S Sherman Rd Spokane, WA 99224</p>
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2020-04-30 06:48:04	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Jim	Norton	Issaquah	WA	98029	jrnorton2@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jim Norton 1567 Highlands Dr NE Issaquah, WA 98029</p>
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2020-04-29 23:02:34	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Samantha	Novak	Seattle	WA	98107	samanthanovak19@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Samantha Novak 810 NW 57th St Seattle, WA 98107</p>
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2020-04-30 20:59:02	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Dr.	O'Halloran	Spokane	WA	99208	betsyoh@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide opinion and input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I OPPOSE the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's vanishing and much needed fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as critical passageways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of global warming. As Earth heats up, we will need such habitat all the more.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these critical areas. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation and nearing extinction.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need new, creative solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people instead of the so-called solutions of the past that caused more problems than they solved.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Dr. O'Halloran 16916 N Dartford Dr Spokane, WA 99208</p>
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2020-04-30 11:37:52	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Dan	O'Keefe	Vashon	WA	98070	danny@dannyokeefe.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Dan O'Keefe 10414 SW 238th St Vashon, WA 98070</p>
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2020-05-25 14:38:46	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Michelle	Obermeyer	Bellevue	WA	98005	m.obermeyer@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Michelle Obermeyer 12815 NE 4th Pl Bellevue, WA 98005</p>
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2020-05-02 08:52:52	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Riley	OBrien	Edmonds	WA	98020	rileyobrien123@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Riley OBrien 10520 Alan A Dale Pl Edmonds, WA 98020</p>
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2020-05-01 08:40:50	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Brian	Odell	Seattle	WA	98117	odellbp@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Brian Odell 1817 NW 80th St Seattle, WA 98117</p>
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2020-04-30 14:03:50	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kathleen	OHara	Seattle	WA	98105	katho50@juno.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kathleen OHara 4227 2nd Ave NE Seattle, WA 98105</p>
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2020-04-29 20:54:47	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Christian	Olsen	Seattle	WA	98108	olsencg21@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Christian Olsen</p> <p>Seattle, WA 98108</p>
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2020-05-06 14:14:32	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Christina Olson	Kirkland	WA	98034	chrisol@microsoft.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Christina Olson 6301 NE 125th St Kirkland, WA 98034</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 07:46:41</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Court</p>	<p>Olson</p>	<p>Bellevue</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98008</p>	<p>court.olson@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to comment on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I oppose building a dam on the Chehalis River. It would disrupt natural eco-systems, including the salmon spawning run and occasional natural flooding of the traditional flood plain along the river. We must allow natural systems to prevail, especially in our waterways and waterway basins. Instead we must redirect human encroachment on the flood plain so as to preserve its natural habitat and occasional natural flooding replenishment.</p> <p>It is well past time for our society to realize the environmental destruction caused by damming our rivers. Recently, we are starting to do that as we have seen dams being removed in a restorative manner. (For example the Elwha river dam which was recently removed on the upper Olympic peninsula).</p> <p>No doubt, some property owners in the Chehalis Basin wish to control the river so that their use of their property is not disrupted by floods. My answer to them is that their property was purchased and is being used with the river and flood history knowledge made publicly available ahead of time. Enhancing their property value by damming the river is not a right given with such property ownership. The public owes these property owners no such right to, at public expense, change nature.</p> <p>With some sympathy for the reduction of human suffering at the time of a flood, I suggest that flood plain uses and especially building of structures must be strictly prescribed and limited. Perhaps special loans or grants are needed to implement a transition to such limitations where encroachment has already occurred. Creation of a new aid program, or, if one already exists, bolstering the existing one, to help transition now existing infringements on the floodplain should be considered in lieu of building a dam. Surely, such a program could be structured to be less costly than building a dam, and also be designed to foster harmony between property owners and natural ecosystems.</p> <p>I understand from what I've read elsewhere that the dam would threaten critical habitat of endangered or threatened species. We humans must stop putting the interests of a few property owners and their concept of land ownership above the greater good of the biosphere that we share. There are limits to the rights of property owners having to do with ecosystem preservation. Our modern industrial society has repeatedly pressed beyond those limits and we can no longer allow that mindset to continue, else we endanger survival of the planet as we know it, and thus survival of the human joy of appreciating the planet we share.</p> <p>Please do not allow a new dam to be built on the Chehalis River. Let nature be nature.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Court Olson 15817 SE 26th St Bellevue, WA 98008</p>
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2020-04-30 17:02:44	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Lori	Orcutt	Bellingham	WA	98228	loriorcutt@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Lori Orcutt PO Box 29254 Bellingham, WA 98228</p>
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2020-05-01 07:17:01	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Darcy	Ottey	Winthrop	WA	98862	darcy.ottey@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Darcy Ottey PO Box 1023 Winthrop, WA 98862</p>
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2020-04-30 06:43:39	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Tracy	Ouellette	Bow	WA	98232	tracyjouellette@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Tracy Ouellette 14078 Mactaggart Ave Bow, WA 98232</p>
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2020-04-30 17:51:00	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Tracy	Ouellette	Bow	WA	98232	tracyjouellette@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Tracy Ouellette 14078 Mactaggart Ave Bow, WA 98232</p>
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2020-04-29 22:36:58	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	lorinda	padgett	Lake Stevens	WA	98258	loriandlucky@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, lorinda padgett 2514 85th Dr NE Lake Stevens, WA 98258</p>
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2020-04-30 11:45:03	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Jessica	Paige	Bothell	WA	98011	mattjaech@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jessica Paige 7703 NE 142nd Ct Bothell, WA 98011</p>
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2020-04-30 02:04:37	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Denise	Pajak	Bainbridge Island	WA	98110	denbhl@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Denise Pajak 9612 NE Timberlane Pl Bainbridge Island, WA 98110</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 21:17:46</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Hollis</p>	<p>Palmer</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98112</p>	<p>hollispalmer@q.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Hollis Palmer 1123 33rd Ave E Seattle, WA 98112</p>
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2020-04-29 20:12:28	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Greg	Parker	Bothell	WA	98021	gparker24@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Greg Parker 3926 243rd PI SE Bothell, WA 98021</p>
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2020-05-01 09:35:13	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	June	Parker	Bellingham	WA	98229	jelpp@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, June Parker 2609 Kentucky St Bellingham, WA 98229</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 21:38:09</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Jean</p>	<p>Pauley</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98112</p>	<p>jeanlunnemann@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jean Pauley 414 Malden Ave E Seattle, WA 98112</p>
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2020-05-01 07:59:38	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	John Pauli	Seattle	WA	98199	paulijg45@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, John Pauli 1900 W Emerson Pl Seattle, WA 98199</p>
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2020-05-26 01:15:13	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Paige	Pearson	Lynden	WA	98264	paigembpearson@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Paige Pearson 966 Adrian Dr Lynden, WA 98264</p>
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2020-04-29 20:08:37	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Genevieve	Peaslee	Seattle	WA	98102	genevievepeaslee@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Genevieve Peaslee 2533 Yale Ave E Seattle, WA 98102</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 16:37:11</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Sharon</p>	<p>Pederslie</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98112</p>	<p>sylvanheart@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sharon Pederslie 525 14th Ave E Seattle, WA 98112</p>
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2020-04-29 21:11:32	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Gregory	Penchoen	Roy	WA	98580	gapenchoen@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Gregory Penchoen 7616 320th St S Roy, WA 98580</p>
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2020-04-30 09:51:18	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Rimbos	Peter	Maple Valley	WA	98038	primbos@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Rimbos Peter 19711 241st Ave SE Maple Valley, WA 98038</p>
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2020-05-04 17:17:12	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Hartmut	Peters	Seattle	WA	98119	tuoichen@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Hartmut Peters 908 W Fulton St Seattle, WA 98119</p>
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2020-05-01 08:33:41	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Vanessa	Peterson	Tacoma	WA	98406	vpeterson@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Vanessa Peterson 818 N Proctor St Tacoma, WA 98406</p>
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<p>2020-05-03 11:08:00</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Luan</p>	<p>Pinson</p>	<p>Vancouver</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98664</p>	<p>pinwil4634@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Luan Pinson 826 SE Morgan Rd Vancouver, WA 98664</p>
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2020-05-01 12:34:47	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Michelle	Ponting	Mukilteo	WA	98275	msp714@uw.edu	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Michelle Ponting</p> <p>Mukilteo, WA 98275</p>
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2020-05-01 10:32:07	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Robert	Pool	Newman Lake	WA	99025	rlpool@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>Regarding the proposed mitigation of the Chehalis Basin, The causes of the flooding problem need to be fixed. Removing too many trees when logging and improper erosion control by landowners should not have been allowed in the first place and need to be remedied.</p> <p>A massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Robert Pool</p> <p>Regards, Robert Pool 25125 E Trent Ave Newman Lake, WA 99025</p>
2020-05-26 22:33:22	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Gary	Portee	Seattle	WA	98125	argot.pryer@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results</p>

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2020-05-03 14:16:43	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Rebecca	Post	Olympia	WA	98516	repo461@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Rebecca Post 5330 Beverly Dr NE Olympia, WA 98516</p>
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2020-04-29 18:32:17	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	James	Postle	Everett	WA	98204	jpmailbox2000@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, James Postle 905 132nd St SW Apt B104 Everett, WA 98204</p>
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2020-04-30 07:28:06	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	amy	powell	Renton	WA	98059	schillingera@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, amy powell 14611 SE 140th Pl Renton, WA 98059</p>
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<p>2020-05-01 20:24:51</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>William Prescott</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98117</p>	<p>nickcinn@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, William Prescott 1015 NW 83rd St Seattle, WA 98117</p>
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2020-04-29 21:32:15	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Peggy	Printz	Seattle	WA	98115	peggyjprintz@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Peggy Printz 7729 57th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98115</p>
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<p>2020-04-29 21:26:44</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Paul Proios</p>	<p>Proios</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98178</p>	<p>paulproios@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Paul Proios 7207 S Taft St Seattle, WA 98178</p>
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2020-04-30 18:50:01	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	LIN	PROVOST	Seattle	WA	98144	linprovost@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, LIN PROVOST 3707 42nd Ave S Seattle, WA 98144</p>
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<p>2020-05-27 08:01:39</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>LIN</p>	<p>PROVOST</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98144</p>	<p>linprovost@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, LIN PROVOST 3707 42nd Ave S Seattle, WA 98144</p>
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2020-04-29 20:00:51	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Ann	Pryich	Mount Vernon	WA	98273	aprijich@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Ann Pryich 5159 Skagit Highlands Pkwy Mount Vernon, WA 98273</p>
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2020-04-30 21:10:24	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Ann	Pryich	Mount Vernon	WA	98273	aprijich@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Ann Pryich 5159 Skagit Highlands Pkwy Mount Vernon, WA 98273</p>
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2020-05-27 12:30:05	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Ann	Pryich	Mount Vernon	WA	98273	aprijich@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Ann Pryich 5159 Skagit Highlands Pkwy Mount Vernon, WA 98273</p>
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2020-05-01 06:42:36	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Andrew Pryor	Pryor	Bellingham	WA	98229	andy.pryor24@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Andrew Pryor 2142 Woburn St Bellingham, WA 98229</p>
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2020-04-30 14:16:42	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Hammad	Rajjoub	Snoqualmie	WA	98065	hammad.rajjoub@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Hammad Rajjoub 9111 Brinkley Ave SE Snoqualmie, WA 98065</p>
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2020-04-30 06:30:37	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Ben	Rall	Spokane	WA	99205	bensrall@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Ben Rall 2217 W Crown Ave Spokane, WA 99205</p>
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2020-04-29 20:02:44	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Ronald	Ramey	Everett	WA	98203	mmrr.ramey@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Ronald Ramey 4630 Mermont Dr Everett, WA 98203</p>
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2020-04-30 08:11:12	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Timothy	Randolph	Seattle	WA	98117	timwrandolph@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide input on Washington State's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. The proposed dam would destroy hundreds of acres of forest, habitat, and wetlands. It would eliminate spawning grounds for salmon and steelhead, both of which are under extreme stress from habitat loss. I do NOT support the proposed strategy to build a dam on the Chehalis River.</p> <p>The Skookumchuck and Chehalis rivers and surrounding areas are critical for the diversity and survival of wildlife in the Chehalis Basin. Scientific studies show that these rivers and regions provide crucial connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula needed for a wide range of species to survive.</p> <p>The proposed dam would forever alter this habitat. The Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats. It does, however, demonstrate that climate change-fueled storms add to the size of the problem, and so the proposed dam is NOT the solution.</p> <p>The proposed Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would put pressures on several endangered species and threaten sensitive amphibians and other wildlife already experiencing unprecedented impacts from habitat loss.</p> <p>Please consider the full extent of science surrounding the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Timothy Randolph 6515 Earl Ave NW Seattle, WA 98117</p>
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2020-05-26 16:14:34	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Mimi	Reed	Seattle	WA	98101	mimi.reed@bythenumbers.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Mimi Reed 809 Olive Way Seattle, WA 98101</p>
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<p>2020-05-02 12:31:33</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>James</p>	<p>Reeder</p>	<p>Edmonds</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98026</p>	<p>jrr.reeder@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, James Reeder 23525 78th Ave W Edmonds, WA 98026</p>
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2020-05-27 15:15:37	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Jessica	Reeves	Olympia	WA	98502	j.marsteller.g@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jessica Reeves 4133 Biscay St NW Olympia, WA 98502</p>
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2020-05-01 01:10:14	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Sierra	rempel	Sumas	WA	98295	sierra.nickel@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sierra rempel</p> <p>Sumas, WA 98295</p>
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<p>2020-05-03 14:23:38</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Axel</p>	<p>Rendon</p>	<p>Bellingham</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98226</p>	<p>axelrendon0@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Axel Rendon 1415 Barkley Blvd Bellingham, WA 98226</p>
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2020-05-25 14:18:27	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Scott	Ressler	Bothell	WA	98012	scottressler@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Scott Ressler 17511 39th Dr SE Bothell, WA 98012</p>
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2020-04-30 11:52:50	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Franklin	Retherford	Normandy Park	WA	98166	rethr4d@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Franklin Retherford 602 SW 175th PI Normandy Park, WA 98166</p>
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2020-05-01 16:04:12	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Emma	Rhoads	Edmonds	WA	98026	730emma@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Emma Rhoads 7807 218th St SW Edmonds, WA 98026</p>
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2020-05-26 09:33:30	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Ric	Riccolo	Olympia	WA	98501	ricriccolo@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Ric Riccolo 3304 Oxford Ct SE Olympia, WA 98501</p>
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<p>2020-05-16 19:27:37</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Sam</p>	<p>Rich</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98133</p>	<p>rich_sam@comcast.net</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sam Rich</p> <p>Seattle, WA 98133</p>
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<p>2020-05-25 12:36:44</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Judy</p>	<p>Rieke</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98103</p>	<p>riekefarr@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Judy Rieke 6720 East Green Lake Way N Seattle, WA 98103</p>
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2020-05-02 14:32:38	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	jennifer	riker	Seattle	WA	98177	jenniferkolodny@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, jennifer riker 634 NW 114th PI Seattle, WA 98177</p>
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2020-04-30 13:27:12	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Deane	Rimerman	Olympia	WA	98502	deanerimerman@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Deane Rimerman 2138 Milroy St NW Olympia, WA 98502</p>
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2020-04-29 20:29:52	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Marsha	Robbins	Port Orchard	WA	98367	robbinsmn@icloud.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Marsha Robbins 15065 Sidney Rd SW Port Orchard, WA 98367</p>
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2020-05-03 19:55:33	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Justin	Roberts	Seattle	WA	98144	justinclined@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Justin Roberts 104 24th Ave S Seattle, WA 98144</p>
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2020-04-30 14:38:03	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Patrice	Roberts	Bellingham	WA	98229	pat681@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Patrice Roberts 681 N Lake Samish Dr Bellingham, WA 98229</p>
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2020-05-18 16:12:00	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Marian	Robertson	Lake Stevens	WA	98258	hannapuma@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Marian Robertson 10129 N Davies Rd Lake Stevens, WA 98258</p>
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2020-05-26 18:48:06	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Brady	Robinson	Tacoma	WA	98433	brady.p.robinson@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Brady Robinson 10059 Sturgeon Ave Tacoma, WA 98433</p>
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2020-05-01 16:58:30	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	d	robinson	Curlew	WA	99118	dlrobinson66@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>If the local tribes are not supporting this project, then the dam should not be allowed. It's time for the feds to recognize Tribal authorities and rights! We need to move humanity back from the flood plain immediately and protect the floodplain for future generations.</p> <p>Thank you for accepting my comments and please keep me informed of future decisions.</p> <p>Regards, d robinson PO Box 151 Curlew, WA 99118</p>
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2020-05-12 00:48:25	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Jeanne	Robinson	Shelton	WA	98584	jeannerobinson67@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jeanne Robinson 661 W Kamilche Ln Shelton, WA 98584</p>
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2020-04-30 06:53:37	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kalen	Roe	Winlock	WA	98596	sasquatchmtb1@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kalen Roe 133 Hawks View Dr Winlock, WA 98596</p>
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<p>2020-05-01 23:22:38</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Lorenzo</p>	<p>Rohani</p>	<p>Edmonds</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98020</p>	<p>rohanil@wwu.edu</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Lorenzo Rohani 9229 215th St SW Edmonds, WA 98020</p>
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2020-04-30 13:40:14	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Janna	Rolland	Seattle	WA	98115	jannarolland@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Janna Rolland 6227 34th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98115</p>
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2020-04-30 04:17:16	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Erin	Rose	Spokane	WA	99201	erin.tennesen@outlook.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Erin Rose 1725 W Mallon Ave Spokane, WA 99201</p>
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2020-04-30 10:25:17	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Dwight	Rousu	Redmond	WA	98052	rousu@frontier.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Dwight Rousu 13824 NE 70th Pl Redmond, WA 98052</p>
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2020-04-30 07:12:27	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	James	Rueckel	Spokane	WA	99203	cayuga23@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, James Rueckel 1104 E 34th Ave Spokane, WA 99203</p>
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2020-05-27 18:44:46	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Marcia	Rutan	Seattle	WA	98115	marciarutan@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Marcia Rutan 9608 25th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98115</p>
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<p>2020-05-02 20:32:02</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Sarah</p>	<p>Salter</p>	<p>Lynnwood</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98036</p>	<p>ssalter11@comcast.net</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sarah Salter 19432 71st PI W Lynnwood, WA 98036</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 23:16:58</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Indira</p>	<p>Santiago</p>	<p>Tacoma</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98409</p>	<p>veneca90@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Indira Santiago</p> <p>Tacoma, WA 98409</p>
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2020-04-30 16:52:57	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Anna	Santo	Bellingham	WA	98226	annaruthsanto@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Anna Santo 2700 Yew St Bellingham, WA 98226</p>
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<p>2020-05-03 08:05:49</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Aubrey</p>	<p>Scheel</p>	<p>Walla Walla</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>99362</p>	<p>scheel2@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Aubrey Scheel 540 Sheridan Rd Walla Walla, WA 99362</p>
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<p>2020-05-01 20:17:32</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Laura</p>	<p>Schiltz</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98118</p>	<p>laura_schiltz@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>It is the year 2020. We are in the middle of a pandemic that has shut down the world. Climate change is real. We know that we need to make changes. We know we cannot control nature successfully. We know that when you build on a flood plain you will flood. We know when we cut down the trees that hold water and earth there is more flooding. Any more things you need me or anyone else to tell you that you already know? EVOLVE! USE SCIENCE, YOUR BRAINS, YOUR REASONING. THE LAND IS FOR ALL. Relocate your box stores and don't build where it floods. NO MORE DAMS! We need to work on freeing the waters that we have already dammed up. PLEASE DO BETTER!</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms</p>
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2020-04-30 04:16:10	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kevin	Schmidt	Bainbridge Island	WA	98110	kevin@kevinschmidt.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kevin Schmidt 5186 New Sweden Rd NE Bainbridge Island, WA 98110</p>
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2020-04-30 15:58:56	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Mike	Schmidt	Seattle	WA	98103	mikesch@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Mike Schmidt 1327 N Northlake Way Seattle, WA 98103</p>
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<p>2020-05-01 22:57:45</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Adara</p>	<p>Schneider</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98105</p>	<p>adaras@uw.edu</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Adara Schneider</p> <p>Seattle, WA 98105</p>
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2020-05-01 16:16:54	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Marc	Schrameck	Seattle	WA	98109	marcschrameck@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Marc Schrameck 2711 Mayfair Ave N Seattle, WA 98109</p>
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2020-04-30 03:24:04	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Suzanne	Scollon	Freeland	WA	98249	suzie@geosemiotics.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Suzanne Scollon 1510 Bismark Ln Freeland, WA 98249</p>
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2020-05-01 03:17:09	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Denee	Scribner	Nine Mile Falls	WA	99026	deneec@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Denee Scribner 16822 N Columbine Ct Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026</p>
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<p>2020-05-01 22:43:19</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Han</p>	<p>Scrivner</p>	<p>Renton</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98057</p>	<p>hanscrivner28@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Han Scrivner 2101 SW Sunset Blvd Renton, WA 98057</p>
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2020-04-30 17:37:31	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	kimberly	Seater	Seattle	WA	98146	mattphotos@quidnunc.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, kimberly Seater 4501 SW 100th St Seattle, WA 98146</p>
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2020-04-30 17:21:46	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Genevieve	Shank	Friday Harbor	WA	98250	genevieveshank@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Genevieve Shank 220 Blair Ave Friday Harbor, WA 98250</p>
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2020-04-30 03:01:29	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Forest	Shomer	Port Townsend	WA	98368	inspass@whidbey.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Forest Shomer 1322 Washington St Port Townsend, WA 98368</p>
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2020-04-30 16:25:13	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	DAVE	SHREFFLER	Sequim	WA	98382	lostmtnloft@olympus.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, DAVE SHREFFLER 3890 Lost Mountain Rd Sequim, WA 98382</p>
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2020-04-30 19:54:07	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Betty	Sinnett	Washougal	WA	98671	bssinnett@icloud.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Betty Sinnett 2615 NE 359th Ave Washougal, WA 98671</p>
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2020-04-30 17:48:40	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	William	Sinnett	Washougal	WA	98671	wesinnett@icloud.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, William Sinnett 2615 NE 359th Ave Washougal, WA 98671</p>
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2020-04-30 03:47:00	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Paul	Sisson	Winthrop	WA	98862	paul_sisson@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Paul Sisson PO Box 598 Winthrop, WA 98862</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 12:03:44</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Jarad</p>	<p>Skeels</p>	<p>Kennewick</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>99336</p>	<p>drysideoutfitters@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jarad Skeels 8003 W 5th Ave Kennewick, WA 99336</p>
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2020-05-03 04:47:16	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Beverly	Skinner	Olympia	WA	98516	bskinnerd@aol.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Beverly Skinner 6248 Puget Beach Rd NE Olympia, WA 98516</p>
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2020-05-02 01:06:31	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Michelle	Skylstad	Omak	WA	98841	michelleskylstad@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Michelle Skylstad 99 Pogue Rd Omak, WA 98841</p>
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2020-04-30 03:42:17	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Charlene	slayton	Bremerton	WA	98311	slayton.charlene@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Charlene slayton 131 NW 73rd St Bremerton, WA 98311</p>
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2020-04-30 06:04:51	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Jeffrey	Smith	Renton	WA	98056	jeffsmith1@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jeffrey Smith 1004 N 36th St Renton, WA 98056</p>
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<p>2020-05-03 20:35:29</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>stephanie</p>	<p>smith</p>	<p>Spokane</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>99210</p>	<p>pseudoluslucy@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, stephanie smith PO Box 981 Spokane, WA 99210</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 17:41:22</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Blaine</p>	<p>Snow</p>	<p>Olympia</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98506</p>	<p>snowinolympia@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'd like to offer my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. My view is that the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is a bad idea. Experts have said that this project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish. We cannot afford to lose more quality fish habitat.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>It is tragic that the proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you. Please carefully consider my input here.</p> <p>Regards, Blaine Snow 6218 Woodard Bay Rd NE Olympia, WA 98506</p>
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2020-05-02 05:31:22	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Donna	Snow	Lacey	WA	98503	dsnow3@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Donna Snow 2421 Chambers Lake Ln Lacey, WA 98503</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 16:11:33</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Mani</p>	<p>Soma</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98177</p>	<p>chutney.minka@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>We strongly oppose this effort, especially with regard to its damage to the environment and salmon run. The state has done a great experiment in removing the Elwha river dam, which has proven extremely successful for all parties involved. So why adding another dam to the Chehalis to serve one constituent while negatively affecting all others (tribes, environment, fish, citizens)?</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Mani Soma 12043 11th Ave NW Seattle, WA 98177</p>
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2020-04-30 07:19:34	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Madeleine	Sosin	Seattle	WA	98136	madeleinesosin@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Madeleine Sosin 6728 40th Ave SW Seattle, WA 98136</p>
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2020-05-01 21:51:54	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kaitlyn	Spires	Snoqualmie	WA	98065	katiespires@outlook.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kaitlyn Spires 6230 Fairway PI SE Snoqualmie, WA 98065</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 23:25:30</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Andrew</p>	<p>Stahl</p>	<p>Vashon</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98070</p>	<p>elijahustahl@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Andrew Stahl 10005 SW 178th St Vashon, WA 98070</p>
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<p>2020-05-25 22:54:31</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Keith</p>	<p>Staley</p>	<p>Chehalis</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98532</p>	<p>keith.k.staley@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Keith Staley 4958 SR 6 Chehalis, WA 98532</p>
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2020-05-25 23:30:32	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Keith	Staley	Chehalis	WA	98532	keith.k.staley@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River.</p> <p>Before moving to live on the Chehalis River near Pe Ell I lived on property located on Cow Creek in southern Oregon. Below our property was Galesville Reservoir. It looks very much like sketches I have seen of the proposed dam. There was no passage provided for fish which ended the salmon runs above the dam. The dam brought with it increased traffic. With the traffic came increase noise, trash & road kill. So to me it's a case of do you want to change nature or mans habits (living in flood plans, poor logging practices & impacting the climate in general). My wish would be for mankind to change it's habits rather than always requiring nature to pay for our lack of our vision.</p> <p>Thank you. Keith Staley</p> <p>Regards, Keith Staley 4958 SR 6 Chehalis, WA 98532</p>
2020-04-30 04:38:22	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Jack	Stansfield	Stanwood	WA	98292	jacks8981@frontier.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p>

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2020-04-30 14:07:48	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Pierce	Stanton	Olympia	WA	98513	piercestanton1956@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Pierce Stanton 429 Stonewood Dr SE Olympia, WA 98513</p>
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<p>2020-05-03 21:04:12</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Patrick</p>	<p>Steehler</p>	<p>Longview</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98632</p>	<p>psteehler@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Patrick Steehler 11 Judith Pl Longview, WA 98632</p>
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2020-04-30 04:46:15	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Joshua	Stein	Seattle	WA	98115	joshgstein@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Joshua Stein 3801 NE 77th St Seattle, WA 98115</p>
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2020-04-30 05:03:27	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Michael	Stein	Vancouver	WA	98686	mr_stein@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Michael Stein 11112 NE 29th Ave Vancouver, WA 98686</p>
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2020-04-30 04:25:03	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Carol	Stevens	Yelm	WA	98597	animalfreak98037@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Carol Stevens 18701 Old Camp Ln SE Yelm, WA 98597</p>
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2020-04-30 03:57:34	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Jeffrey	Stewart	Sammamish	WA	98074	hurricane@stewartsteele.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. Please consider less ecologically damaging alternatives.</p> <p>Regards, Jeffrey Stewart 25434 NE 3rd Pl Sammamish, WA 98074</p>
2020-04-30 03:07:41	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Allen	Stockbridge	Bellingham	WA	98225	Cleanairguy@Gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Allen Stockbridge</p>

2020-04-30 14:10:50	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Natalie	Stone	Seattle	WA	98117	natstone80@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Natalie Stone</p> <p>Seattle, WA 98117</p>
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2020-04-30 16:01:22	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Derek Storm	Seattle	WA	98119	storm@drizzle.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Derek Storm 2522 13th Ave W Seattle, WA 98119</p>
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2020-04-30 04:17:26	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Sharon	Stroble	Seattle	WA	98119	sestroble@mac.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sharon Stroble 2246 12th Ave W Seattle, WA 98119</p>
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2020-05-01 20:18:26	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Elizabeth	Strong	Tacoma	WA	98422	lizzy_bug_713@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Elizabeth Strong 5411 Hyada Blvd NE Tacoma, WA 98422</p>
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2020-04-30 06:45:37	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Elizabeth	Stucki	Olympia	WA	98501	bstucki@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Elizabeth Stucki 517 Carlyon Ave SE Olympia, WA 98501</p>
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2020-04-30 03:29:02	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Diane Sullivan	Sullivan	Oak Harbor	WA	98277	dianealida@mac.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Diane Sullivan 1231 SW Kalama Loop Oak Harbor, WA 98277</p>
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2020-04-30 18:35:26	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Diane	Sullivan	Oak Harbor	WA	98277	dianealida@mac.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Diane Sullivan 1231 SW Kalama Loop Oak Harbor, WA 98277</p>
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2020-04-30 13:46:38	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Carol	Sult	Carnation	WA	98014	csult3@icloud.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Carol Sult 6708 Tolt Highlands Rd NE Carnation, WA 98014</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 22:27:44</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Jarred</p>	<p>Sutton</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98121</p>	<p>jarredmsutton@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jarred Sutton 2607 Western Ave Seattle, WA 98121</p>
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2020-04-30 21:29:41	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Annika	Swenson	Seattle	WA	98116	widget043@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Annika Swenson 4437 40th Ave SW Seattle, WA 98116</p>
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2020-04-30 12:48:44	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Christian Swenson	Seattle	WA	98122	humanjazz@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Christian Swenson 1617 30th Ave Seattle, WA 98122</p>
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2020-04-30 04:46:59	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kristin	Sykes-David	Bellingham	WA	98229	mulepower@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kristin Sykes-David 4739 Columbus Ave Bellingham, WA 98229</p>
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2020-04-30 03:34:54	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Steve	Taber	Kenmore	WA	98028	stevetaber2003@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Steve Taber 6464 NE 186th St Kenmore, WA 98028</p>
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2020-05-04 17:17:48	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Joe	Talbert	Winthrop	WA	98862	joeletalbert@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Joe Talbert 46 Star Flower Rd Winthrop, WA 98862</p>
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2020-05-04 15:05:17	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Jen	Tanguay	Camas	WA	98607	ristinejen@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jen Tanguay 1614 NE 36th Ave Camas, WA 98607</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 14:13:25</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Michael</p>	<p>Tanksley</p>	<p>Woodinville</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98072</p>	<p>wmtanksley@comcast.net</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>There are many reasons why the proposed dam in the Chehalis River Basin should NOT move forward.</p> <p>This dam is unnecessary. Building and infrastructure should be directed away from flood plains. When necessary to place infrastructure in these areas, it should be built to accommodate the occasional high water events.</p> <p>I do not want to see my tax dollars used for a new destructive dam in this era when we are removing more (poorly considered) dams that we are installing - and for good reasons.</p> <p>I approve of the balance of this message:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
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2020-04-30 03:08:27	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Steve	Tauscheck	Anacortes	WA	98221	stauscheck@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Steve Tauscheck 1302 11th St Anacortes, WA 98221</p>
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2020-05-01 03:12:21	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Steve	Tauscheck	Anacortes	WA	98221	stauscheck@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Steve Tauscheck 1302 11th St Anacortes, WA 98221</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 22:28:55</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>John Taylor</p>	<p>Colbert</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>99005</p>	<p>ewjack@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, John Taylor 17917 N Division Rd Colbert, WA 99005</p>
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2020-04-30 23:57:58	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Norman	Taylor	Mount Vernon	WA	98274	small1@mac.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and the Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the-box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Norman Taylor 4218 Montgomery Pl Mount Vernon, WA 98274</p>
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2020-05-17 16:27:02	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Patrick	Tesh	Seattle	WA	98109	patrick.tesh@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>Hello- I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Patrick Tesh 2618 4th Ave N Seattle, WA 98109</p>
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2020-04-30 16:04:18	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Sue	Thompson	Port Townsend	WA	98368	speechpower.st@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sue Thompson 1731 Rosewood St Port Townsend, WA 98368</p>
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2020-05-08 14:21:26	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kim	Thornadtsson	Bellingham	WA	98225	vikette_swede@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kim Thornadtsson 1430 Island View Dr Bellingham, WA 98225</p>
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2020-04-30 13:41:16	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	James	Thorne	Seattle	WA	98107	jamescthorne@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, James Thorne 2428 NW Market St Seattle, WA 98107</p>
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<p>2020-05-27 22:55:11</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>James</p>	<p>Thorne</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98107</p>	<p>jamescthorne@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, James Thorne 2428 NW Market St Seattle, WA 98107</p>
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2020-04-30 16:04:18	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Carol	Torchia	Bellevue	WA	98008	ctorchia@uw.edu	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Carol Torchia 16234 NE 2nd St Bellevue, WA 98008</p>
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2020-05-02 00:47:46	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Aiko	Torkelson	Seattle	WA	98122	aikotorkelson@outlook.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Aiko Torkelson 1107 E Madison St Seattle, WA 98122</p>
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2020-05-20 09:19:42	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Trisha	Towanda	Shelton	WA	98584	trisha.towanda@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Trisha Towanda 3380 W Dayton Airport Rd Shelton, WA 98584</p>
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2020-04-30 20:54:40	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Sarah	Trautman	Tacoma	WA	98408	sarahtrautman2121@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Sarah Trautman 4849 S Sheridan Ave Tacoma, WA 98408</p>
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2020-05-01 19:33:15	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Maureen	Traxler	Shoreline	WA	98177	maureentraxler@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Maureen Traxler 2020 NW 195th St Shoreline, WA 98177</p>
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2020-05-04 15:37:01	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Christina	Tretter	Vancouver	WA	98685	tretter03@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Christina Tretter 10807 NW 19th Ave Vancouver, WA 98685</p>
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2020-04-30 07:03:58	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Christina	Tseu	Ariel	WA	98603	punishum808@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Christina Tseu 8134 Lewis River Rd Ariel, WA 98603</p>
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2020-05-26 20:59:22	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Aruna	Tuller-Ross	Vashon	WA	98070	arunan456@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Aruna Tuller-Ross 23624 Wax Orchard Rd SW Vashon, WA 98070</p>
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2020-04-30 03:53:51	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Ingrid	Turner	Bellevue	WA	98006	iturner64@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Ingrid Turner 12512 SE 52nd St Bellevue, WA 98006</p>
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2020-04-30 03:36:37	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Eva	Tyler	Cle Elum	WA	98922	tylerpawjesse@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Eva Tyler 305 E 1st St Cle Elum, WA 98922</p>
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<p>2020-05-06 21:15:50</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>DEVON</p>	<p>UDERITZ</p>	<p>Kirkland</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98034</p>	<p>devonuderitz@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, DEVON UDERITZ 6301 NE 125th St Kirkland, WA 98034</p>
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2020-05-27 04:24:24	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Matt	Uyttendaele	Seattle	WA	98112	matt@uyttendaele.us	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Matt Uyttendaele 114 Maiden Ln E Seattle, WA 98112</p>
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2020-04-30 04:34:27	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Selim	Uzuner	Carnation	WA	98014	uzunerselim@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Selim Uzuner 4440 McKinley Ave Carnation, WA 98014</p>
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2020-04-30 15:55:41	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Violet	Van Diest	Bellingham	WA	98229	nettakeith@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Violet Van Diest 15 Winter Creek Place Bellingham, WA 98229</p>
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2020-04-30 15:24:56	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Debra	Vandegrift	Seattle	WA	98103	dp.vandegrift@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Debra Vandegrift 3908 Interlake Ave N Seattle, WA 98103</p>
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<p>2020-05-21 20:45:13</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Hemalatha</p>	<p>Velappan</p>	<p>Redmond</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98052</p>	<p>hema.latha8689@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade essential spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food, mate, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills, and the Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone mitigation proposals. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet. It will even threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation on top of the unacceptable effects on wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with residents, tribes, and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains, and habitat. Because most of the significant flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a result of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the-box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife, and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Hemalatha Velappan 18675 NE 62nd Ct Redmond, WA 98052</p>
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2020-04-30 20:50:53	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Copi	Vojta	Bellingham	WA	98227	cbvphotographics@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Copi Vojta PO Box 2503 Bellingham, WA 98227</p>
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<p>2020-05-02 02:30:56</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Naomi</p>	<p>von Ruden</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98105</p>	<p>naomivonruden@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Naomi von Ruden 5031 12th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98105</p>
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2020-04-30 03:39:39	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Peter	Vonchristerson	Port Townsend	WA	98368	pvonc@olypen.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Peter Vonchristerson 1229 29th St Port Townsend, WA 98368</p>
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2020-04-30 02:58:17	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Carrie	Wachob	Edmonds	WA	98026	bitingowl@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Carrie Wachob 23706 78th Pl W Edmonds, WA 98026</p>
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2020-04-30 03:05:43	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Claire	Waichler	Winthrop	WA	98862	cewaic21@colby.edu	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Claire Waichler 17 Northcott Rd Winthrop, WA 98862</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 16:22:49</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Ian</p>	<p>Walden</p>	<p>Kingston</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98346</p>	<p>imiwaldo@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Ian Walden 10260 NE Kingston View Ct Kingston, WA 98346</p>
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<p>2020-05-02 17:45:26</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Barbara</p>	<p>Wallez</p>	<p>Bellingham</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98229</p>	<p>wallez@comcast.net</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Barbara Wallez 4915 Samish Way Bellingham, WA 98229</p>
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2020-04-30 03:06:30	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	David	Walseth	Vancouver	WA	98683	walseth@msn.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, David Walseth 3111 SE 155th Ave Vancouver, WA 98683</p>
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2020-05-14 00:01:09	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Susan	Ward	Gig Harbor	WA	98329	sueward@nwlinc.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Susan Ward 9825 Kooley Dr NW Gig Harbor, WA 98329</p>
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2020-04-30 16:55:26	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	alicia	warren	University Place	WA	98466	bessbree@nventure.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I do not support the proposed dam on the Chehalis River. At some point, citizens need to learn to conserve electricity. We also need to save every tree we can to help w. climate change as well as save wetlands to prevent flooding and degradation of habitat. Please do not build this unnecessary dam. The trade-offs are too disastrous for our ecosystem. Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, alicia warren 2122 Bridgeport Way W University Place, WA 98466</p>
2020-05-02 17:57:49	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Joey	Watermeyer	Gig Harbor	WA	98335	joeywatermeyer@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p>

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2020-04-30 02:47:58	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Jen	Watkins	Seattle	WA	98116	watty39@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Jen Watkins 2662 59th Ave SW Seattle, WA 98116</p>
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2020-04-30 15:10:47	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Joshua	Watson	Everett	WA	98203	ironmonkey005@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Joshua Watson 1528 74th St SE Everett, WA 98203</p>
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2020-04-30 07:26:37	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	L	wayne	Olympia	WA	98506	tootsieinoly@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, L wayne 4015 18th Ave NE Olympia, WA 98506</p>
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<p>2020-05-01 18:29:50</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>L</p>	<p>wayne</p>	<p>Olympia</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98506</p>	<p>tootsieinoly@comcast.net</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, L wayne 4015 18th Ave NE Olympia, WA 98506</p>
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<p>2020-05-03 18:37:55</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Robyn</p>	<p>Weber</p>	<p>Redmond</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98053</p>	<p>robyn.l.weber@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Robyn Weber 7811 233rd Ave NE Redmond, WA 98053</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 22:47:00</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Julie</p>	<p>Webster</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98103</p>	<p>julielwebster@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Julie Webster 519 N 68th St Seattle, WA 98103</p>
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2020-04-30 15:10:11	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Noreen	Wedman	Seatac	WA	98198	njwwrites@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Noreen Wedman 21123 31st Ave S Seatac, WA 98198</p>
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2020-04-30 14:01:22	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Daniel	Weise	Kirkland	WA	98033	no-chehalis-dam@weises.org	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>Dams are huge overkill. They belong to a different era, not to 2020. Dams produce CO2 while destroying important habitat. Find another solution to flooding issues.</p> <p>Regards, Daniel Weise Kirkland Kirkland, WA 98033</p>
2020-04-30 07:30:46	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Harold	Welke	Issaquah	WA	98027	olywelke@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Harold Welke</p>

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<p>2020-04-30 12:49:26</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Susan</p>	<p>Wepking</p>	<p>Duvall</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98019</p>	<p>smwepking@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Susan Wepking 26400 NE Valley St Duvall, WA 98019</p>
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<p>2020-04-30 11:25:09</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Natalia</p>	<p>Wescott</p>	<p>Maple Falls</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98266</p>	<p>natiewes2@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Natalia Wescott 6467 Kiowa Cut Maple Falls, WA 98266</p>
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2020-05-01 14:59:14	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Andy	Westbrock	Seattle	WA	98109	a_westbrock@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Andy Westbrock 2401 8th Ave N Seattle, WA 98109</p>
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2020-04-30 16:12:11	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Felicia	wibowo	Seattle	WA	98105	feliciawibowo@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Felicia wibowo 5710 43rd Ave NE Seattle, WA 98105</p>
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2020-05-01 00:53:55	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Nancy	Wiechmann	Clinton	WA	98236	imgurm@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Nancy Wiechmann 8222 Lupine Ln Clinton, WA 98236</p>
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2020-04-30 03:09:14	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Scott	Wild	Bellingham	WA	98229	swild7@juno.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Scott Wild 1242 St Paul St Bellingham, WA 98229</p>
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2020-05-01 19:39:16	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kelsey Willis	Willis	Bellingham	WA	98225	kelso12345@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kelsey Willis 216 S Garden St Bellingham, WA 98225</p>
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2020-05-01 19:20:33	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Hannah	Wilson	Seattle	WA	98102	hjarviswilson@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Hannah Wilson 733 10th Ave E Seattle, WA 98102</p>
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2020-04-30 02:57:33	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Rebecca	Windell	Bremerton	WA	98337	becca.windell@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Rebecca Windell 1413 Henry Ave Bremerton, WA 98337</p>
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2020-05-05 18:46:54	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Marian	Wineman	Seattle	WA	98199	mwineman@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Marian Wineman 3611 45th Ave W Seattle, WA 98199</p>
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2020-04-30 03:07:32	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Julie	Wittrock	Ocean Park	WA	98640	wittrj@aol.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Julie Wittrock 25502 Vernon Ave Ocean Park, WA 98640</p>
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2020-05-01 15:12:51	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Susie	Wolff	Okanogan	WA	98840	rswolff1266@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Susie Wolff PO Box 248 Okanogan, WA 98840</p>
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2020-04-30 05:43:08	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Gordon	Wood	Seattle	WA	98144	transhuman@earthlink.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Gordon Wood 906 Lake Washington Blvd S Seattle, WA 98144</p>
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2020-05-01 15:17:56	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Megan	wood	Auburn	WA	98001	meg.wood92@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>This is so incredibly important.</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Megan wood 37919 53rd Ave S Auburn, WA 98001</p>
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2020-04-30 03:48:18	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	James	Woodruff	Seattle	WA	98146	tobydrexler@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, James Woodruff 10750 17th Ave SW Seattle, WA 98146</p>
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2020-04-30 20:12:24	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	John	Wynn	Seattle	WA	98112	i_thou@hotmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, John Wynn 2910 E Madison St Seattle, WA 98112</p>
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2020-04-30 18:39:53	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Janet	Wynne	Bellingham	WA	98229	janetmwynne@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Janet Wynne 607 Pleasant Bay Rd Bellingham, WA 98229</p>
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2020-05-24 02:29:00	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Hilary	Yacobucci	Seattle	WA	98109	hilaryy@me.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Hilary Yacobucci 715 Nob Hill Ave N Seattle, WA 98109</p>
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<p>2020-05-07 17:06:48</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Yerda</p>	<p>Yearsley</p>	<p>Port Ludlow</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98365</p>	<p>yerdaone@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Yerda Yearsley 404 Olympus Blvd Port Ludlow, WA 98365</p>
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<p>2020-05-27 07:11:24</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Deborah</p>	<p>Yenubari</p>	<p>Issaquah</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98029</p>	<p>deborahravindran@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Deborah Yenubari 4430 249th Terrace SE Issaquah, WA 98029</p>
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2020-05-01 01:17:46	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Bruce	york	Olympia	WA	98513	bruceeyork@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Bruce york 7733 Pippit Ct SE Olympia, WA 98513</p>
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2020-04-30 02:10:31	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	JoAnne	Yorkston	Seabeck	WA	98380	jmy.wa03@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, JoAnne Yorkston</p> <p>Seabeck, WA 98380</p>
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2020-04-30 03:00:11	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Anett	Young	Seattle	WA	98117	anettzehnpfennig@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Anett Young 6737 24th Ave NW Seattle, WA 98117</p>
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2020-04-30 19:37:07	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Robert Young	Rochester	WA	98579	youngsjanitorial@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Robert Young 11515 183rd Ave SW Rochester, WA 98579</p>
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2020-05-13 15:12:02	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Royce	Young	Olympia	WA	98502	opal13101@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Royce Young 1919 Evergreen Park Dr SW Olympia, WA 98502</p>
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2020-05-05 02:49:54	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	William Young	Bellingham	WA	98226	loon13@comcast.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, William Young 4421 E Oregon St Bellingham, WA 98226</p>
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2020-05-01 15:01:02	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	R	Zarwell	Olympia	WA	98512	rwz132529@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, R Zarwell 7424 Yolanda Dr SW Olympia, WA 98512</p>
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<p>2020-05-01 20:56:29</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>deborah</p>	<p>zeiser</p>	<p>Burlington</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98233</p>	<p>debbiezeiser@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, deborah zeiser 1042 opal lane Apartment, suite, unit, building, floor Burlington, WA 98233</p>
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2020-05-02 03:35:54	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kristopher Zentner	Woodinville	WA	98072	kzentner@section6.net	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kristopher Zentner 17360 NE 160th St Woodinville, WA 98072</p>
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<p>2020-05-03 20:10:56</p>	<p>Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project</p>	<p>Olivia</p>	<p>Zimmerman</p>	<p>Seattle</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>98136</p>	<p>oliviazimmerman14@gmail.com</p>	<p>Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS</p>	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.</p> <p>In addition to serving as critical fish habitat, rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation. On top of unacceptable impacts to wild salmon and steelhead.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, so is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Olivia Zimmerman 5631 California Ave SW Seattle, WA 98136</p>
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2020-04-30 07:18:55	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	William	Zimmerman	Kenmore	WA	98028	billzimmerman@gmail.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, William Zimmerman 8131 NE 150th St Kenmore, WA 98028</p>
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2020-04-30 04:13:57	Chehalis Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project	Kenneth	Zirinsky	Tacoma	WA	98407	ellenkenab@yahoo.com	Comments on proposed Chehalis River Dam DEIS	<p>To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:</p> <p>I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.</p> <p>Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between Washington's South Cascades, Willapa Hills and Olympic Peninsula as beneficial for a wide range of species, especially in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The proposed dam would irreversibly disrupt these animal highways. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on Endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.</p> <p>While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support collaboration with local residents, tribes and other stakeholders to develop alternative strategies that support flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains and habitat. Because most of the largest flood damages that the proposed dam would prevent come in the late century scenarios, we have some time to get this right.</p> <p>Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and habitat restoration actions that do not include building a large dam. The current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a results of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation patterns. As the Draft EIS demonstrates well, climate change-fueled storms only add to the size of the problem. We need out-of-the box solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife and people.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Kenneth Zirinsky 3612 N 33rd St Tacoma, WA 98407</p>
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Subject: Chehalis: EIS Comment Form
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 7:37:30 PM

Message:

WA/Grays Harbor

Comments:

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Message:

Aimee de Ney
Olympia Farm and Forest School
birdsongoly@gmail.com
Thurston/WA

Comments:

To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:

We have reached a dire crossroads in the need for environmental integrity and responsibility. Damming the Chehalis River when other dams are being removed is irresponsible, expensive, and foolish. Restoring habitat will preserve the river and surrounding lands for the foreseeable future. It is time for those in leadership to stand up for what is right for all peoples (but primarily the tribes) and for the health of the earth and environment. The time is now and the power is yours to put health over wealth.

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Message:

Beth Fancher

Comments:

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Thank you.

Keith Kirkwood

From: [WordPress](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Chehalis: EIS Comment Form
Date: Saturday, May 16, 2020 7:31:40 PM

Message:

Leah
Everett, Wa

Comments:

To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:

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From: [WordPress](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Chehalis: EIS Comment Form
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:04:14 PM

Message:

Tiana Luke
tiana.luke@gmail.com
Washington State

Comments:

To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:

I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I grew up recreating in the area and the area holds a special place in my heart. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish.

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From: [WordPress](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Chehalis: EIS Comment Form
Date: Sunday, May 17, 2020 12:45:48 AM

Message:

Tim McGuire
tmmcguire@gmail.com
WA

Comments:

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From: [WordPress](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Chehalis: EIS Comment Form
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 7:29:30 AM

Message:

amy powell
schillinger@hotmai.com
WA

Comments:

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From: [WordPress](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Chehalis: EIS Comment Form
Date: Sunday, May 17, 2020 9:46:08 AM

Message:

Kathy Staley
kathy.m.staley@gmail.com
Lewis/WA

Comments:

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From: [WordPress](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Chehalis: EIS Comment Form
Date: Sunday, May 3, 2020 4:33:58 PM

Message:

Martha Taylor
King/Washington

Comments:

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From: [WordPress](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Chehalis: EIS Comment Form
Date: Friday, May 22, 2020 9:01:52 AM

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Message:

Comments:

I stand with the people of Pe Ell, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis and the Quinault Indian Nation in opposition to the construction of a dam on the upper Chehalis River above the town of Pe Ell, Washington. I empathize with basin citizens whose livelihoods and property have been impacted, the proposed dam is not a sustainable or practical solution to the devastating floods impacting communities throughout the Chehalis Basin.

Construction of the proposed dam will NOT prevent flooding, nor will it protect residents from the most devastating flood levels such as those experienced during the 2007 event.

From: [WordPress](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Chehalis: EIS Comment Form
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:41:45 PM

Message:

Comments:

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From: [WordPress](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Chehalis: EIS Comment Form
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 4:40:58 PM

Message:

Washington

Comments:

To the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District:

I was confused when I read the headlines in the Seattle Times of Washington State proposing a dam on a river that is also a focus for salmonid habitat improvements. As well as using this sort of pinch point response as we anticipate future climate change effects that warrant restoration/enhancement processes on landscape scales across headwater streams, tributary creeks, and the main rivers of the Chehalis Watershed.

I'm writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would impact riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and coho salmon as well as steelhead.

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Thank you.

From: [WordPress](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Chehalis: EIS Comment Form
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:37:51 PM

Message:

Comments:

To The Chehalis Basin Board:

We, the undersigned group of individuals, stand with the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis and the Quinault Indian Nation in opposition to the construction of a dam on the upper Chehalis River above the town of Pe Ell, Washington. While we empathize with basin citizens whose livelihoods and property have been impacted, the proposed dam is not a sustainable or practical solution to the devastating floods impacting communities throughout the Chehalis Basin.

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At a time when wild salmon and steelhead runs are in rapid decline across the Pacific Northwest, the Chehalis Basin remains one of Washington's last best chances to get salmon recovery right. Construction of the proposed dam however, with its associated support infrastructure, would decimate the opportunity for salmon in the Chehalis Basin to return to their once thriving historic population levels. A few of the significant impacts the proposed dam would have on salmon include the destruction of over 12 miles of riparian habitats, elimination of critical spawning and rearing habitat for spring Chinook and steelhead, and the increase of river temperatures to near lethal levels.

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Kekule Bastron Family and Friends

From: [WordPress](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Chehalis: EIS Comment Form
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:55:02 PM

Message:

Sandra Couch
sndrcch@yahoo.com
ILLINOIS

Comments:

We need better options than a dam.

We, the undersigned businesses, organizations, officials, and individuals, stand with the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis and the Quinault Indian Nation in opposition to the construction of a dam on the upper Chehalis River above the town of Pe Ell, Washington. While

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To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Chehalis: EIS Comment Form
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 4:33:16 PM

Message:

Stephen Donnelly
– Select –
tvc15ma@gmail.com
Massachusetts

Comments:

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From: [WordPress](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Chehalis: EIS Comment Form
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:43:05 PM

Message:

Oakley Duryea
oakleyd@gmail.com

Comments:

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From: [WordPress](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Chehalis: EIS Comment Form
Date: Friday, May 22, 2020 6:24:32 AM

Message:

Amanda Gross

Comments:

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From: [WordPress](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Chehalis: EIS Comment Form
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 7:20:39 PM

Message:

Virgene Link-New
Dr.
linkerwan@yahoo.com
WA

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern:

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Thank you.

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To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Chehalis: EIS Comment Form
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:59:21 PM

Message:

Chris Moore
photogcam@comcast.net
CO

Comments:

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communities, fish, wildlife, and clean water

From: [WordPress](#)
To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
Subject: Chehalis: EIS Comment Form
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 5:18:25 PM

Message:

Renee Nichole Phelps
reenehelps@gmail.com
WA

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To: info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com
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Date: Friday, May 22, 2020 7:55:15 PM

Message:

Dena Turner
denaturn62@gmail.com
Multnomah/Oregon

Comments:

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Message:

Ellie Stair
Wild Salmon Center
estair@wildsalmoncenter.org
Multnomah/Oregon

Comments:

Please find the 692 enclosed letters that we have collected on behalf of our constituents.

May 13, 2020

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331 Old Trail
Baltimore, MD 21212

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2255 Showers Dr, #121
Mountain View, CA 94040

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1317 X Street #16
Vancouver, WA 98661

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708 Capstan Ave
Beachwood, NJ 08722

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11600 SW Lancaster Rd
Portland, OR 97219

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18120 102nd Ave NE Apt 314
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Washington, DC 20015

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3405 Plata St
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918 N 19th St
Boise, ID 83702

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pacific avenue
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Hiwassee, GA 30080

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Richard Leeds
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Beachwood, NJ 08722

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46 Hill Dr
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Los Angeles, CA 90006

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Vashon, WA 98070

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Brandon Paul
30882 Sail Lane
Menifee, CA 92584

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Eli Turner
501 Alden Way
Roseville, CA 95678

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Caryn Graves
1642 Curtis St
Berkeley, CA 94702

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John Keiser
410 E 6th St., Apt. 17B
New York, NY 10009

April 16, 2020

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Dear Department of Ecology,

I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

Have we not learned anything from the Elwha, the White Salmon and dams in general. Flooding can be mitigated, loss of Salmon cannot. The fish, the economy, the environment and climate all win with maintaining a free flowing river. Flooding can be controlled without a dam on the Chehalis River.

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Rick Rupp
1815 Lawrence St
Port Townsend, WA 98368

April 16, 2020

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Everyone agrees that we need to do more to help salmon and decrease the flood risk. But science, experience, and common sense tell us that a dam is not the answer. This dam goes too far, costs too much, causes too much damage, and benefits too few. I urge you to send the Chehalis Basin leaders back to the drawing board to seek comprehensive solutions that work for communities, tribes, recreational and commercial fishers, and the greater ecosystem.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Loreli Fister
2026 NW Lance Way
Corvallis, OR 97330

April 16, 2020

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As a citizen of this country and an Ecologist, I oppose the current plan to build a dam on the upper Chehalis River.

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Jo Anna Heberger
2111 Dayton Ave
Saint Paul, MN 55104

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The Chehalis River's wild fish are at risk. And the region is vulnerable to catastrophic flooding. Everyone agrees that we need to do more to help salmon and decrease the flood risk. But science and common sense tell us that a dam is not the answer. Certainly not the one proposed by the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control District, which would cost upward of \$1 billion and not solve either problem.

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25 Katt Ct
Sequim, WA 98382

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L. Sinclair
14141 NW Laidlaw Rd
Portland, OR 97229

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Dalia Salgado
707 Wilshire 4500
Los Angeles, CA 90017

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Susan Finkel
1001 2nd Ave W
Seattle, WA 98119

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120 West Leigh Dr
Charlottesville, VA 22901

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Susan McLaughlin
86 Carriage Drive
Foothil Ranch, CA 92610

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The statement in the EIS that climate change may also negatively affect fish species is speculative and building a dam does not offset that speculation. We don't know how species will adapt/evolve and the statement may come to fruition, but lets see what can be derived from the Local Actions implementation.

Respectfully
Mike Dahlstrom

Sincerely,
Michael Dahlstrom
16043 SW 130th Ter
Portland, OR 97224

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Dr. Tammy King
29 acadia rd
gardner, MA 01440

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Sharon Cox
638 Kirkland Way Apt 4
Kirkland, WA 98033

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JEANNE DOHERTY
3434 N Nottingham Ave
Chicago, IL 60634

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Daniel Hawley
Box 49
Ketchum, ID 83340

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Kaija Jones
10727 SW 232nd St
Vashon, WA 98070

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2530 Kavanagh Rd
San Pablo, CA 94806

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Jamie Shields
15739 NW Rondos Drive
Portland, OR 97229

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89375 view drive
Florence, OR 97439

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Decatur, GA 30032

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Santa Barbara, CA 93111

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Arlington, VA 22203

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22 NE 41st Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

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15366 sandrock dr
lake hughes, CA 93532

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Kenai, AK 99611

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8067 25th Ave NW
Seattle, WA 98117

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Oregon City, OR 97045

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Elisabeth Raymond
729 Atwater Rd
Lake Oswego, OR 97034

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4220 Dayton Ave N
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Marysville, OH 43040

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PORTLAND, OR 97215

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Project Manager

Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group

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Ronald Meredith
454 Mower Rd
Chambersburg, PA 17202

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Bend, OR 97701

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253-312-6792

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7725 Riverview Rd
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3011 Sweet Briar St.
Grapevine, TX 76051

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1416 Madrone Way
Woodland, CA 95695

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KEVIN QUINN
1525 SW Park Ave., B303
Portland, OR 97201

May 06, 2020

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58462 Jasmine Rd
Montrose, CO 81403

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Tualatin, OR 97062

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7106 n commercial ave
Portland, OR 97271

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385 Turnham Rd
Maple Plain, MN 55359

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11125 nw Kathleen Dr
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424 NE 73rd Ave
Portland, OR 97213

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Olympia, WA 98512

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Snohomish, WA 98290

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From: Chehalis Alliance <info@chehalisriveralliance.org>

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 4:57 PM

To: Butorac, Diane (ECY) <dbut461@ECY.WA.GOV>

Subject: Chehalis DFIS Comments

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Diane,

I am submitting the attached 192 comments on behalf of the supporters of the Chehalis River Alliance who took the time to speak up and share their thoughts on this important environmental review process. If you need anything else from me, please let me know.

Thank you and best regards,

Paul

Timestamp (EST)	First name	Last name	Email	Address	City	State	ZIP code	Letter Subject	Letter Body
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2020-05-14 21:18:07 EST	David	Bowerman	david.r.bowerman@gmail.com	20232 23rd PL NW	Shoreline	Washington	98177	Listen: Don't Dam the Chehalis	I am writing to share my belief that the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. For these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thanks, Dave
2020-05-14 21:19:40 EST	Kaylee	Andrews	kaylee34@gmail.com	2832 14th Ave W, #3	Seattle	Washington	98119	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	Protecting wild fish is important to me because future generations deserve more than what we're giving them now. If we continue to prioritize profits over the planet, there will be nothing left to enjoy. Please do the right thing and don't dam the Chehalis! I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing it is intended to do - protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage

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2020-05-14 21:19:49 EST	Michael	Conrad	mdconrad@gmail.com	1920 SW 167th St	Burien	Washington	98166	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing it is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.

2020-05-14 21:22:11 EST	Bryn	Gibson	bryn.gibson@gmail.com	3042 165th PL NE	Bellevue	Washington	98008	THIS IS IMPORTANT TO ME	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-18 10:27:53 EST	Matt	Smythe	matt.smythe@affta.org	50 Main St	Bloomfield	New York	14469	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I'm an angler from Upstate NY who has been dreaming of fishing in the Chehalis Basin for a long time. I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing it is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments. I hope I'm able to fish the basin undammed and with healthy stocks of steelhead and salmon in the future.</p>
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2020-05-19 16:09:47 EST	Kevin	Quinn	Qman714@hotmail.com	1525 SW Park Ave., B303	Portland	Oregon	97201	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
2020-05-19 17:39:56 EST	Annabel	Kirschner	kirschner01@gmail.com	1008 Loete Ct SE, 1008 Loete Ct SE	TUMWATER	Washington	98501	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>NO DAM BUILDING ON THE CHEHALIS RIVER. This is way too costly, would benefit only a very few and would further damage salmon runs.</p> <p>The basin communities need a thoughtful plan, not a boondoggle.</p>

2020-05-19 19:37:04 EST	Mike	Palmer	mike@cascadespecialty.com	PO Box 6157	Bellevue	Washington	98008	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-19 19:45:59 EST	Aaron	Smigielski	aaronsmigielski@gmail.com	2190 Bryant Street Apt 203	Denver	Colorado	80211	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-19 19:51:47 EST	Will	Carnaghi	wcarnaghi@gmail.com	4118 Delridge Way	Seattle	Washington	98106	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-19 20:00:12 EST	Matthew	Noland	noland.matthew@gmail.com	2076 W Hills Rd	Philomath	Oregon	97370	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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<p>2020-05-19 20:55:04 EST</p>	<p>Fritz</p>	<p>Nichols</p>	<p>fritznicholsjr@gmail.com</p>	<p>1803 w 28th ave</p>	<p>Spokane</p>	<p>Washington</p>	<p>99224</p>	<p>Please Don't Dam the Chehalis</p>	<p>The proposed dam is an attempt to move us in a direction opposite of that which we should be progressing. We have lost countless gene pools of amazing salmon and steelhead up and down the west coast over the last 100 years or more. The reasons for these losses are multiple. Dams are near the top of this list. In a time when we are about to lose our endangered Snake River stocks where dam removal is THE one remaining option that has any possibility of helping to restore these runs of fish and to prevent us and future generations from losing them forever, we are insanely discussing the possibility of blocking another sensitive river system where the fish are already very sensitive and under threat. I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing it is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-19 22:58:37 EST	Sean	Mulla	Sean.mulla@gmail.com	32629 Piney Meadows Way	Huson	Montana	59846	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-19 23:34:22 EST	Jason	Chadick	jasonpchadick@gmail.com	832 E Angeles Ridge Rd.	Port Angeles	Washington	98362	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>My name is Jason Chadick and I am a teacher at Sequim Middle School. This is the second time I have submitted a comment regarding the proposed dam on the Chehalis River. The first time I commented was at a public zoom meeting at the end of April. The environmental impact statement alone makes it clear that the proposed dam is a terrible idea. But furthermore, it does not provide the flood security that people are looking for. It's the wrong project in the wrong place. I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-19 23:54:28 EST	Brett	Gaba	brettgaba@gmail.com	2229 227th Pl SW	Brier	Washington	98036	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-20 00:06:54 EST	Kenyon	Pitts	kenyon@silverbowflyshop.com	5213 W Rosewood Ave	Spokane	Washington	99208	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-20 01:55:54 EST	Andrey	Severtokov	andrew1nord@gmail.com	26th	Mill creek	Washington	98012	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-20 02:11:13 EST	Brian	Wade	blw74@hotmail.com	4334 SW Frontenac st	Seattle	Washington	98136	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-20 02:28:20 EST	Adrian	Slade	adrianslade@mac.com	9440 manastash road	Ellensburg	Washington	98926	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-20 08:25:00 EST	Brendan	Oâ€™Grady	brendanogrady5@gmail.com	8 Buffard Dr.	Rochester	New York	14610	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do - protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-20 09:30:56 EST	Neil	Stallings	neilstallings@gmail.com	21 E Wheelwright St	Allyn	Washington	98524	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-20 09:42:53 EST	Joel	Hill	onemorcast81@gmail.com	4 Westlake Ave SW.	Lakewood	Washington	98498	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-20 10:44:45 EST	Dillon	Downs	dillondowns@hotmail.com	1736 midfield st	Bozeman	Montana	59715	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-20 11:36:46 EST	Dylan	Hudson	dylan.hd.hudson@gmail.com	5504 Webster Ave	Yakima	Washington	98908	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-20 17:45:13 EST	Alley	Beck	alleybeckfineart@gmail.com	4932 11a ave NW	Edmonton	Alberta	T6L4A4	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-20 18:27:55 EST	Toni	Long	tlongsea@gmail.com	2311 N. 38th Street	Seattle	Washington	98103	Please Don't build a Dam on the Chehalis	I am writing with regards to the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I understand the need for the state to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin. However, I do not support the proposal to build a dam on the Chehalis River. This is not the right solution, as it inadequately addresses the flooding issue and severely endangers the salmon and steelhead fish in the Chehalis River and, in turn, the Oras that rely on this food source. I am concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a dam that will not protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding, as would down-basin towns. I am equally concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations and hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife. In summary, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project as the solution, but also want to state that the status quo is untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.
2020-05-20 21:04:45 EST	Charles	Swanston	cswanston44@gmail.com	585 Blue Wing Loop SE	Ocean Shores	Washington	98569	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage

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2020-05-21 09:35:55 EST	Peter	Hollomon	peterhollomon@gmail.com	11675 SW 11th Street	Beaverton	Oregon	97005	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing it is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.

2020-05-21 12:02:00 EST	Lee	First	leefrider7@gmail.com	PO Box 751	Cosmopolis	Washington	98537	Stop the Dam Now!	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-21 13:23:42 EST	Debbie	Stempf	dstempf@comcast.net	4111 E Prairie Lane Ct	Spokane	Washington	99223	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-21 13:24:38 EST	Matthew	Skirvin	matthew.skirvin@gmail.com	11513 173rd Ave Ct E	Bonney Lake	Washington	98391	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-21 14:57:38 EST	Mary	Majestic	majesrl@whidbey.net	118 Mountview Lane	Ethel	Washington	98542	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-21 19:04:22 EST	Diana	Paredes	dianasparedes@gmail.com	4118 DELRIDGE WAY SW, Unit B	SEATTLE	Washington	98106	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-21 20:11:57 EST	Terry*	Boutwell	Riotact02@hotmail.com	11827 31st Dr SE	EVERETT	Washington	98208	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-21 20:29:40 EST	Harrell	Howard	harrell.howard1@gmail.com	203 L st	Centralia	Washington	98531	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-22 08:59:17 EST	Joel	Carlson	fox7799@gmail.com	3634 Loren St NE	Lacey	Washington	98516	Stop the Chehalis dam insanity!	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-22 11:16:39 EST	Paul	Bolender	phbhall747@gmail.com	1447 W Argyle St Apt 1	Chicago	Illinois	60640	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-22 11:34:02 EST	Daniel	Driver	dandriver9@gmail.com	215 Tillie Ave	Peell	Washington	98572	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-22 14:17:08 EST	Thomas	Brady	placeminer@me.com	5714 W Houston Ave	Spokane	Washington	99208	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-22 16:20:29 EST	Judy	Todd	judy@natureconnectnw.com	1631 NE Broadway St. #723	Portland	Oregon	97232	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>Thanks for considering my remarks on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a water retention unit (aka dam) on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address the current conditions nor the future needs of people, salmon and habitat. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District is insufficient in addressing the complexity interrelatedness of the areas larger, complex issues, and the longer, uncertain climate future. I believe your proposal would accomplish ending any possibility of real success of wild fish populations. And the public would be paying for that loss. That's backwards. I am also concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am aware that your proposed plan will cause irreparable harm of critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. That destruction will be exacerbated by losses of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose and object to the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-23 19:39:20 EST	Nina	Koch	9akoch@gmail.com	N4827 455th Street	Menomonie	Wisconsin	54751	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-24 13:16:19 EST	Carol	Williams	cadelewms@gmail.com	238 College Lodge Road	Indiana	Pennsylvania	15701	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-24 13:16:34 EST	Delphine	Reynier	dbreynier@gmail.com	3150 Bunker Hill cir	Marietta	Georgia	30062	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-24 16:40:09 EST	Alan	Yamashita	alanyama33@gmail.com	98-1686 Apala Loop	Aiea	Hawaii	96701	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-24 19:02:58 EST	Britt	Crea	beelamotte@gmail.com	1951 E. Mountain Man Dr.	Meridian	Idaho	83646	Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>Hello, over there! I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is an antiquated and disproven approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am especially concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-24 21:15:10 EST	Robert	Thayer	rthayer23@yahoo.com	1409 Bay Ave	Aberdeen	Washington	98520	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-24 21:28:49 EST	Joe	Angevine	joeangevine@hotmail.com	4626 n defiance st	Tacoma	Washington	98407	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-24 22:30:08 EST	Jacob	Mjaanes	jacob.mjaanes@gmail.com	117 Plymouth St NW	Olympia	Washington	98502	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. We have already seen the benefits of the Elwha dam removal, why build another? Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-24 23:06:37 EST	Ben	Ward	bnwrd28@gmail.com	1206 Florida Rd Apt. B201	Durango	Colorado	81301	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-24 23:06:55 EST	Jane	Heisler	rroberts8001@msn.com	2731 SE Harrison Street	Portland	Oregon	97214	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-24 23:57:16 EST	Matthew	Eaton	matthewceaton@yahoo.com	3426 Lorne St Se	Tumwater	Washington	98501	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-25 00:29:43 EST	Tom	Maendle	prctdm@gmail.com	6 Daymar place	Freeland	Washington	98249	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-25 00:56:03 EST	James	mirous	jmirous@yahoo.com	4035 crystal lane loop se	puyallup	Washington	98372	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-25 02:07:11 EST	Jeff	Sinanian	jeff.sinanian@gmail.com	PO Box 14654	Tumwater	Washington	98511	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-25 03:02:12 EST	Jackson	Golik	9619jackson@gmail.com	P.O. Box 1390	Battle Ground	Washington	98604	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-25 03:13:41 EST	Rocco	Strain	strain.rocco@gmail.com	323 Milroy St NW	Olympia	Washington	98502	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments. - YOUR CONSTITUENT, Rocco</p>
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2020-05-25 04:09:53 EST	Mark	Obtinario	mobtinario@yahoo.com	905A North Military Road	Winlock	Washington	98596	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-25 04:34:40 EST	Evan	Dulin	nevulin@yahoo.com	428 Coal Creek Road	Chehalis	Washington	98532	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-25 04:38:44 EST	Kelsey	Pochay	kellochay@yahoo.com	428 Coal Creek rd	Chehalis	Washington	98532	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-25 04:58:53 EST	Rachel	Thornley	gatheringisrael@hotmail.com	5613 Mount Baker St SE	Lacey	Washington	98503	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-25 06:22:27 EST	Justin	Bays	justinbays@rocketmail.com	181 Ribelin Road	Chehalis	Washington	98532	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-25 06:59:59 EST	Michele	Jankelow	michele@jankelow.com	Melfort Road	Crowborough	East Sussex	TN61QT	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-25 10:27:32 EST	Donald	Ensley	bigdensley@gmail.com	16250 colony rd.	Bow	Washington	98232	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-25 11:24:32 EST	Kimberly	Blevins	mccoykl79@gmail.com	3870 state route 6	Chehalis	Washington	98532	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-25 14:34:24 EST	Michael	Lithgow	mike.lithgow4@gmail.com	10302 LeClerc Rd. North	Cusick	Washington	99119	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-25 14:45:59 EST	Robin	Kramer	lkutz44405@aol.com	1414 33rd Ave NE	Olympia	Washington	98506	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-25 16:59:59 EST	peter	dorn	pdorn440@gmail.com	308 E republican #801	seattle	Washington	98102	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>These people, willing live in a flood plain. we should not spend money on their bad choices, building a dam will kill of the the salmon/steelhead runs. when we should restore the natural habitat to natural absorb/ retain the water, please don't build the dam, mind a natural way to stop the flooding am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing it is intended to do - protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-25 19:34:46 EST	Alex	Kulha	akakulha@gmail.com	13136 201st Ave SW Unit B	Rochester	Washington	98579	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-25 20:48:16 EST	Devin	Downes	alpinedev93@gmail.com	5 Berrybrook Hollow	Orinda	California	94563	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-25 22:42:54 EST	Barbara	Speck	Phoenix6960@gmail.com	P.o. box 162	Kelso	Washington	98626	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-25 23:51:27 EST	Sadie	Davidson	sadiefanessa@gmail.com	PO Box 646	Montesano	Washington	98563	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 00:19:23 EST	patricia	lang	pvlang@msn.com	5719 Berger Pl Se	Olympia	Washington	98513-6092	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 00:34:12 EST	Nathan	Rodriguez	fadecapitik@gmai.com	210 Drews prairie rd	Toldeo	Washington	98591	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 01:09:15 EST	Kermit	Schneider	kermsblonde@aol.com	113 Willmar ct.	Vader	Washington	98593	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 01:19:51 EST	Sherry	Taylor	adamakawee@yahoo.com	224 Stowell Rd	Salkum	Washington	98582	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 03:16:52 EST	Aiden	Liske	aidenliske@gmail.com	12312 121st st e	Bonney Lake	Washington	98321	Do Not Dam the Chehalis!	<p>We have other options. A restoration project if the Chehalis Valley is a long term solution. The dam is a temporary solution! I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing it is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 04:51:04 EST	Jason	Quick	dethswitch@gmail.com	1120 SE Front St	Winlock	Washington	98569	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The WDFW is already failing at conservation of salmon and steelhead populations. This is a river for God sake and rivers flood. You accept it an move on or move away. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 09:56:05 EST	Stacey	ANDRADE	stacey_andrade@yahoo.com	3562 e mecate rd	Tucson	Arizona	85739	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 11:11:13 EST	Erinn	Nelson	erinnnelson@gmail.com	1960 Enchanted Forest Rd	Eastsound	Washington	98245	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 11:20:18 EST	JOHN	GARDNER	spiritof1953@yahoo.com	427 peters Rd	Randle	Washington	98377	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 13:04:36 EST	Mitchell	Long	mitchell.931@hotmail.com	4147 McGill st	Burnaby	British Columbia	V5c1m7	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 13:18:44 EST	Maryclair	Rigby	maryclair.rigby@gmail.com	13136 201st Ave SW, Unit B	Rochester	Washington	98579	The Chehalis Dam	<p>Please do not construct a Chehalis river dam. This would be catastrophic to future generations of people and lead to extinction of salmon and other animals who live within these fragile riparian ecosystems. It will be catastrophic not only to future generations of people but the current residents of the Chehalis basin. The very fact that we are expecting an earthquake at any moment is telling that it is totally irresponsible to build a dam which will devastate the town of Pe ell, when the earth quake occurs.</p> <p>This dam threatens people, salmon, orca whales, and all creatures big and small. The era of the dam is over.</p> <p>To use billions of taxpayer dollars for a system that is reckless is unjust.</p> <p>I say all this as a resident on the Chehalis flood plain. I have endured many floods here, and know building a dam is not the answer. I suggest we begin by looking at the forest management strategies by Weyerhaeuser which cause thousands of yearly landslides into the Chehalis river exacerbating flooding, poor water quality, and erosion. This corporation does not function with public interest in mind. We need to find a solution to catastrophic flooding that actually makes sense.</p> <p>Please, do not allow the Chehalis river dam.</p>
2020-05-26 14:01:32 EST	Jordan	Rash	rash.jordan@gmail.com	3309 N Defiance St	Tacoma	Washington	98407	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do - protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage</p>

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2020-05-26 15:06:00 EST	Chris	Menaul	clmenaul@gmail.com	8646 39th ave sw	Seattle	Washington	98136	Don't Dam the Chehalis!	I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing it is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.

2020-05-26 15:18:07 EST	Dylan	Shippee	dylanshippee@gmail.com	718 N Cushman Ave	Tacoma	Washington	98403	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 15:27:47 EST	Campbell	Gunnell	campbellg13@gmail.com	16025 ne 153rd st	Woodinville	Washington	98072	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>As a life long Washington resident and outdoorsman I am ashamed of any washintonion that let this project get this far. Reject the proposal. I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing it is intended to do - protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 15:39:03 EST	Chris	Lefevre	chrislefebvre19@gmail.com	5950 Vedder Road	Chilliwack	British Columbia	v2r3p2	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 15:43:14 EST	Raeleene	Rodriguez	Raeleene38@gmail.com	4042 Jackson HWY	Chehalis	Washington	98532	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 15:52:35 EST	Justin	Buonanoma	jbuonanoma@gmail.com	1625 Murrieta ct	Reno	Nevada	89511	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 16:10:18 EST	Robert	Tanner	tanner_robert@hotmail.com	2200 Capital Mall Dr. SW B303	Olympia	Washington	98502	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 16:32:31 EST	Leah	Wessler	leah.wessler@gmail.com	4106 Densmore Ave. N	Seattle	Washington	98103	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am a marine scientist writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing it is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 16:45:39 EST	Dianne	Townsan	4nsicsdi4@gmail.com	860 Park Ave	Mukilteo	Washington	98275	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am primarily concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. I am also concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing it is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 16:49:22 EST	Cole	Baldino	coleb@spsseg.org	9631 Summerfield Ct SE	Olympia	Washington	98513-6683	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments. P.S. as a Fisheries Biologist working in the region for the state RFEF program, I have seen first hand the impact of dams and structures alike. I fully oppose this project and hope you and your team accept the facts against this. As an avid recreationist in the watershed I would not return if a dam is built as it would go against my moral standards. Thank you for your time.</p>
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2020-05-26 16:49:58 EST	Marcus	Schumacher	wintersteelie@gmail.com	1004 E Toledo St	Bellingham	Washington	98226	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 16:51:58 EST	Kathleen	Roche	kathleensroche@gmail.com	63255 Stonewood Drive	Bend	Oregon	97701	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am an ecologist and concerned citizen. Fish are important! We need to provide habitat and not reduce it!! am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While it may be necessary to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue!!The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million.I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction.I am also EXTREMELY concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it:1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project.2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam.3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS.4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated.For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery.Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 16:53:09 EST	Matt	Steinwurtzel	msteinwurtzel@gmail.com	330 Grow Ave NW	Bainbridge Island	Washington	98110	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 16:57:07 EST	Gregory	Fitz	gregorysfitz@gmail.com	4555 SW Hudson Street	Seattle	Washington	98116	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 16:57:53 EST	MJ	Caputo	mjcap@uw.edu	5525 34th Ave NE	Seattle	Washington	98105	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 16:58:39 EST	Caryn	Graves	caryn@lmi.net	1642 Curtis St.	Berkeley	California	94702-1329	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 16:58:55 EST	Marcia	Kolb	mbkolb@hotmail.com	6225 MANOA ST	OAKLAND	California	94618	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 17:01:47 EST	Maxwell	Heinzelman	maxwellheinzelman@icloud.com	11627 Thomas Ranch Cir.	Nevada City	California	95959	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 17:11:06 EST	Brian	Burns	blueeyedclimber@gmail.com	2213 Green St Apt A1	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	19130	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 17:25:28 EST	Charles	Rockwell	mrockwell1945@gmail.com	5033 Yapple Ave	Santa Barbara	California	93111	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 17:28:38 EST	Johannes	Beeby	johannesbeeby@gmail.com	325 E Prospect Rd	Fort Collins	Colorado	80525-1052	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 17:28:48 EST	Caleb	Hitzfeld	caleb@chflyfishing.com	301 Erickson Rd	Forks	Washington	98331	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 17:35:31 EST	Robert	Adamson	radamson1788@gmail.com	PO Box 266	Sedro-Woolley	Washington	98284	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 17:38:33 EST	Thom	Peters	voice4wild@aol.com	7725 Riverview Road	Snohomish	Washington	98290	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 17:43:42 EST	David	Mucklow	djmucklow@gmail.com	23470 CR 56	Steamboat Springs	Colorado	80487	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 17:48:51 EST	Richard	Albrecht	r.lou@live.com	1425 42nd Ave. E.	Seattle	Washington	98112	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 17:50:22 EST	Sean	Johnson	Sean.johnson9889@gmail.com	943 W 19th Ave	Anchorage	Alaska	99503	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 18:00:35 EST	Tim	Burke	timothythomasburke@gmail.com	10121 NE 135th lane	Kirkland	Washington	98034	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 18:01:34 EST	Sandra	Wusterbarth-Brown	Sandywb@q.com	9615 147th St Ct E	Puyallup	Washington	98375	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I understand that something must be done to address the flooding; however, a dam is not the answer. Rather than forcing the river to conform, use less invasive methods to accomplish it. Allow flooded areas buy out property owners living in the high flood areas. Most of all, I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 18:02:10 EST	Joanna	Griffiths	joanna.griffiths4@gmail.com	2139 Ovid St	Baton Rouge	Louisiana	70808	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 18:18:12 EST	Justin	Miller	jus_millr@hotmail.com	PO box 11042	Olympia	Washington	98502	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 18:23:34 EST	Nicholas	Larson	lnicklarson@gmail.com	656 SW 137th St.	Burien	Washington	98166	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 18:46:12 EST	Bethany	Beatty	bethany0123@gmail.com	3800 Ensign RD NE #A7	Olympia	Washington	98506	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 18:52:46 EST	Dustin	Kearns	kearnsmdustin@gmail.com	5754 SE 20th Ave	Portland	Oregon	97202	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 18:58:21 EST	Laura	Hays	Puckmania2002@yahoo.com	335 Hansen	Toutle	Washington	98649	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>After asking questions of experts, and doing some due diligence, it seems that this is a very expensive means to do "something" rather than doing the right thing. Wait for the better solution. I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing it is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 19:00:42 EST	Bill	Williams	wbw62.2000@gmail.com	3309 Lazy Palm Dr	Harlingen	Texas	78552	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
2020-05-26 19:00:50 EST	Mike	Morgan	mmorgan777@gmail.com	978 Aaron Ave NE	Bainbridge Island	Washington	98110	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue.</p> <p>The river should run free to continue to provide habitat for our declining steelhead and salmon populations. We should stop building in flood prone areas.</p>

2020-05-26 19:05:45 EST	Don	Kneass	donkneass@gmail.com	1122 Grand Ave	Seattle	Washington	98122	Dams Kill Salmon	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. Year in and year out we read reports of the consequences of building dams on the viability of Salmon, Orcas, and the environment and the wildlife dependent on free flowing rivers. Yet nothing seems to get done to stop the ultimate extinction of these great and symbolic creatures. Lots of talk and money thrown at "mitigation" and yet the march to extinction continues unabated. Time to stop with the baloney and get real. Another dam will just hasten the end of Salmon as a viable species in our Eco- system. No Chehalis River Dam!RegardsDon Kneass,</p>
2020-05-26 19:40:59 EST	Charles	Hammerstad	chamerstad@aol.com	780 Portswood Dr	San Jose	California	95120	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue.</p> <p>The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million.</p> <p>I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction.</p> <p>I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet.</p> <p>Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS.

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2020-05-26 20:03:40 EST	Trevor	Johannes	trevorjohannes714@gmail.com	4081 county road z	Dodgeville	Wisconsin	53533	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing it is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the expanded version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the</p>

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2020-05-26 20:24:54 EST	Randall	Scott	rscott49@msn.com	14625 NE 145th St, Apt 203	Woodinville	Washington	98072	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 21:14:51 EST	Ben	Rall	bensrall@gmail.com	2217 W Crown Avenue	Spokane	Washington	99205	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 21:36:53 EST	Matt	O'Connor	mattphoto208@gmail.com	PO 7800	Ketchum	Idaho	83340	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 22:13:15 EST	Geoff	Mueller	geoffmonline@gmail.com	628 Monte Vista Ave.	Fort Collins	Colorado	80521	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem and it would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations. I am also concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing it is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. Additionally, this project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Finally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. <p>For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 22:19:51 EST	C.	Curtis	desireepurchase@gmail.com	4839 37th Ne	seattle	Washington	98105	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 22:46:52 EST	Wes	Green	pwdrslt@yahoo.com	1804 W Park	Anaconda	Montana	59711	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 22:55:32 EST	Victor	Colvard	2nomadz.col@gmail.com	514 Americas Way #4474	Box Elder	South Dakota	57719	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 23:00:26 EST	Ava	Benami	avacado11@gmail.com	4324 SW Mills St	Seattle	Washington	98136	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>For our salmon, for our Orca, please PLEASE don't do this!!! This dam is NOT the answer! I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 23:01:23 EST	Courtney	Jafferian	cjafferian3@gmail.com	4832 Sunset Dr. NW	Olympia	Washington	98502	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 23:25:56 EST	David	Beaudry	davidc.beaudry@gmail.com	2222 22nd Ave E	Seattle	Washington	98112	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 23:45:45 EST	peter	dorn	pdorn@gmail.com	308 e republican #801	seattle	Washington	98102	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-26 23:52:58 EST	David	Graves	dgraves@seanet.com	7048 18th Ave ME	Seattle	Washington	98115	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 00:10:45 EST	Connor	OBrien	connorchobrien@gmail.com	6335 N Williams Ave	Portland	Oregon	97217	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 00:17:14 EST	David	Genualdi	degenualdi@gmail.com	1631 NE 185th St	Shoreline	Washington	98155	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>There is no rational reason to build dams anywhere in the 21st Century. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 01:22:26 EST	Rachael	Whaley	rachaelenel@gmail.com	906 N 91st St #A	Seattle	Washington	98103	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 01:25:58 EST	Gregory	Peters	msandrev@gmail.com	4424 SW 102nd Street	Seattle	Washington	98146	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 01:42:18 EST	A.L.	Cooley	ali.cooley@gmail.com	2510 S Charles St	Seattlr	Washington	98144	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 03:41:50 EST	Bill	Marts	camile1144@comcast.net	6526 41st Ave SW	seattle	Washington	98136	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 04:58:26 EST	Christopher Edwards	247opala@gmail.com	1659 Alencastre St	Honolulu	Hawaii	96816	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 06:55:25 EST	Lisa	Aspenson	ohmona@sbcglobal.net	104 Wilcox	Eau CLAIRE	Wisconsin	54703	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 08:18:26 EST	Eric	Slaughter	eslaughter14@gmail.com	2232 Sunset Bluff Dr.	Holland	Michigan	49424	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 08:23:42 EST	Chris	Taylor	TAYLOR7722@MSN.COM	11640 Arrow Point Drive	Bainbridge Island	Washington	98110	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 09:35:57 EST	Polly	hilleke	pollyhilleke@comcast.net	128 River Ridge Drive	glenwood springs	Colorado	81601	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 09:54:15 EST	KURT	SHERWOOD	DRKURTDC@GMAIL.COM	20826-284TH AVE SE	MAPLE VALLEY	Washington	98038	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 10:14:42 EST	Don	Parkes	don.parkes@chubb.com	5620 Boulder Hills Drive	Longmont	Colorado	80503	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
2020-05-27 10:16:01 EST	Brian	McElfresh	bmcelf@gmail.com	20548 van dyke rd sw	Rochester	Washington	98579	Chehalis river should remain free	<p>I've lived through multiple chehalis river floods. It's part of what makes this area what it is. Being prepared is a vital component of living in this area and therefore we can accept what the river is destined to do.</p> <p>Many people make a living from the rivers natural course as it provides fertile soil for farmers, river guiding for fishermen, cultural connection for tribal members.</p> <p>Please consider keeping the chehalis free while working to engage in a resilient plan involving all the stakeholders of this wonderful watershed.</p>

2020-05-27 10:37:25 EST	Connor	Moss	connormoss4@gmail.com	4638 decourcy Court	West Vancouver	British Columbia	V7W3J5	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 10:55:58 EST	patrick	jansen	yawjansen@gmail.com	4832 sunset dr nw	olympia	Washington	98502	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 11:01:14 EST	Timothy	Devine	goosedevine@yahoo.com	24702 Broadmore Ave	Hayward	California	94544	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>Dams don't work! ... There are other solutions for power and agricultural interests ... No More Dams!! I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing it is intended to do - protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 11:07:10 EST	Aurora	Solla	wolva12@yahoo.com	4088 Cold Springs Rd	Trumansburg	New York	14886	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 11:31:16 EST	Steven	Hawley	sjhalwey@mac.com	3762 Rocky Ridge Court	Hood River	Oregon	97031	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>The proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is a waste of money and the death of one of Washington's most important salmon sanctuaries. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am concerned about spending \$628 million on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing it is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. I'm gravely concerned at the loss of salmon and other wildlife habitat that dam proponents see as an acceptable trade-off for a modicum of flood control. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 11:40:23 EST	Sherrie	Duncan	sherriedan@hotmail.com	4908 N 22nd St	Tacoma	Washington	98406	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 11:47:42 EST	Tom	Anderson	artist402@comast.net	402 summit lake sh rd	olympia	Washington	98502	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. There seems to be no assessment of the seismic geologic risk in the event of earthquakes and the problems of silt accumulation not only behind the dam but downriver in the flood plain. I am also concerned about the damage the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would negatively impact spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these important fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands. Last but not least is the lack of respect this proposal infers for the Chehalis and Quinault native treaty rights, their sacred grounds and fishing heritage. I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. For example, use the funds proposed for building the dam to buy out properties and discontinue permitting new construction along I-5 in a flood plain. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.
2020-05-27 12:08:43 EST	Devin	Peterson	devinpeterson1973@gmail.com	935 north 2 street	Pe ELL, Washington	Washington	98572	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	I oppose this dam project do to the fact I live around 3 miles below the projected dam site. With the recent failure of the earth-in dams in Michigan it makes me Leary about living below1. Also this dam is designed to do 1 thing, to prevent I 5 from shutting done, also the business in the Chehalis and Centralia area from flooding. These businesses that I'm referring to where built in the flood plane to begin with, for example if you have a 5 gallon bucket, half full of water and you add a rock in the bucket , where's the water go? Up right! Keep adding rocks the water keeps going up, so the problem began a while back with the flood plane being filled in, now it's Pe ELLs problem to fix it. Also the area where the dam is projected to be placed at is on unstable ground, Weyerhaeuser has a road that's in the area that's been fixed numerous times due to erosion along that area. I'm also an avid fisherman along this river and I can't imagine what kind of effects this would have on the upper river steelhead spawning grounds. In a time where people want to pull dams out of the rivers you are wanting to put 1 in, not logical. Find another way to fix the I 5 problem, the upper chehalis dam isn't the answer. Put your research \$ to better use!! I know you've spent plenty of it! Thanks for you time.

2020-05-27 12:22:41 EST	Jacob	Murray	MURRAY2015@GMAIL.COM	435 Dexter ave north, Apartment 629	Seattle	Washington	98109	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 12:30:04 EST	Ed	Sozinho	esozinho@earthlink.net	13003 4th Ave NW	Seattle	Washington	98177	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 12:52:06 EST	R. Steven	Winder	steve@rwinder.com	11120 East Riverside Drive	Bothell	Washington	98011	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 12:52:55 EST	Denis	Tuzinovic	dtuzinovic@gmail.com	2116 4th Ave 3410	Seattle	Washington	98121	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 13:02:49 EST	David	Caplan	dcaplan@bendcable.com	1324 NW Ithaca Ave	Bend	Oregon	97703	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. This dam would destroy many miles of critical steelhead and salmon habitat, dangerously warm the river, and won't solve the basin's flooding issues. The communities, fish and wildlife of this important Washington watershed deserve a better future than this proposed dam. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing it is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. <p>For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 13:09:25 EST	Gavin	Bush	gavinbush@gmail.com	5406 SW Florida St	Portland	Oregon	97219	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 13:22:04 EST	Wesley	Smith	wandt@me.con	8629 Glenroy Way	Sacramento	California	95826	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 13:33:29 EST	Zachary	Moore	zachmoore.ci@gmail.com	1931 nw 29th ave #1	Portland	Oregon	97210	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 13:49:06 EST	Robert	Parkins	rob@backcountryhunters.org	1565 Shire Drive Box 673	Victor	Idaho	83455	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 14:13:30 EST	Andy	Starr	arstarr91@gmail.com	3217 Benton Place SW Apt 103	Seattle	Washington	98116	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>As an avid angler with family ties to the Chehalis River Valley, I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing it is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 14:30:00 EST	tom	Toretta	tfarms@netxn.com	13200 San Juan Ave	Bakersfield	California	93314	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 14:32:53 EST	Arwyn	Smalley	arwyn.smalley@gmail.com	12426 79th Ave S	Seattle	Washington	98178	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. I also want to point out that dams have been proven over and over again to cause more problems than they solve. This is part of the reason why so many dams are now being dismantled. Please don't perpetuate faulty 20th-century thinking by making the same mistakes over again. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments. Sincerely, Arwyn Smalley</p>
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2020-05-27 14:51:50 EST	John	Wingfield	mrjohnwingfield@hotmail.com	3724 Wesley Loop NW	Olympia	Washington	98502	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 16:21:24 EST	Corey	Hassell	hassell15@gmail.com	PO Box 347	Dutchjohn	Utah	84023	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 16:26:10 EST	Brian	Caudle	bricaud14@gmail.com	21665 293RD AVE SE	Maple Valley	Washington	98038	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 16:33:42 EST	andrea	Barranger	andrea_isys@yahoo.com	10940 independence rd sw	Rochester	Washington	98579	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 17:40:56 EST	Brandon	Paul	droptrout@gmail.com	30882 Sail Lane	Menifee	California	92584	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 17:55:30 EST	Leanne	Paul	leannepaul93@gmail.com	30882 Sail Ln	Menifee	California	92584	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 17:56:07 EST	Carla	Davis	4craedavis@hmail.com	210 W Broadway	Montesano	Washington	98563	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 18:03:15 EST	Max	Chase	max.chase89@gmail.com	1756 NW 57th Street	Seattle	Washington	98107	Opposition to Chehalis Dam	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. The current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. The \$628 million taxpayer dollars are concerning, but as an environmentalist and fisherman, I am particularly concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments. With Regards, Max Chase</p>
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2020-05-27 18:09:08 EST	Bryce	Levin	bryce.a.levin@gmail.com	10630 Willow Road	Lake Stevens	Washington	98258	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 18:31:46 EST	Joseph	Gabiou	info@wobblycart.com	10940 Independence	Rochester	Washington	98579	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 18:33:04 EST	Kiran	McElfresh	kiranmichaela@gmail.com	20548 Van Dyke Rd SW	Rochester	Washington	98579	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 18:35:07 EST	Kaya	Evenstar	kayaevenstar@gmail.com	20544 Van Dyke Rd SW	Rochester	Washington	98579	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 18:36:47 EST	Freya	McElfresh	freyamcelfresh@gmail.com	20600 Van Dyke RD SW	Rochester	Washington	98579	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 19:05:28 EST	Dan	Benson	lifeaudio.danbenson@gmail.com	822 Independence Rd.	Rochester	Washington	98544	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 19:08:54 EST	Matt	Foreman	mattfoteman001@gmail.com	887 Osprey Lane	Front Royal	Virginia	22630	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 19:09:08 EST	Quinn	McCann	jmqccann@comcast.net	17475 lakefield rd	Round hill	Virginia	20141	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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2020-05-27 19:10:53 EST	Erick	Olson	ejolson12@gmail.com	1 Coffey Cir	Madison	Wisconsin	53716	Please Don't Dam the Chehalis	<p>I am writing to provide my input on the state's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support the state's efforts to mitigate the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin, the proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River is not the right approach to address this serious issue. The Chehalis Basin communities deserve thoughtful, well-designed, and fiscally-sound solutions to address the basin's twin challenges of flood control and wild fish recovery. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal from the Chehalis Basin Flood Control District does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and would cost taxpayers upwards of \$628 million. I am particularly concerned about spending \$628 million taxpayer dollars on a flood mitigation approach that will not excel at the one thing is intended to do – protect people from catastrophic flooding. According to the DEIS, in the event of another major flood event like 2007, the towns of Centralia and Chehalis would still experience serious flooding. Moreover, this lack of flood protection benefit is especially true the farther you move away from the proposed dam site because down-basin towns like Aberdeen would only experience 2 inches of flood reduction. I am also concerned about the irreparable harm the dam would have on wild fish and wildlife populations. This project would degrade critical spawning grounds for Chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin and serve as critical migratory routes and connected habitat for wildlife such as elk and the endangered marbled murrelet. Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to meet some basic requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act because it: 1) Lacks the mitigation measures to address the significant impacts the DEIS details, which hinders the public's ability to make informed decisions about the project. 2) Does not sufficiently analyze the least environmentally-harmful alternatives to the proposed dam. 3) Fails to properly acknowledge the full scale of environmental impacts the proposed dam would generate as well as the future impacts of the "expanded" version of this dam that is discussed in the DEIS. 4) Ignores the substantial impacts the proposed dam would have on the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need and fails to propose how these impacts could be mitigated. For all of these reasons, I oppose the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. However, while this proposal and DEIS are unacceptable, it is important to acknowledge that the status quo is also untenable. We need a basin-wide approach to flood resiliency that benefits local communities, protects residents, and protects our wild fish and wildlife populations. I encourage the Chehalis Basin leaders to go back to the drawing board to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery. Thank you for your work to create a brighter future for the Chehalis Basin and for your consideration of my comments.</p>
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Message:

Cybele Knowles
Center for Biological Diversity
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Comments:

Attached please find 979 comments from supporters of the Center for Biological Diversity.
Thank you for your attention.

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The Washington State Department of Ecology has been disappointing of late, not intervening to stop the construction of the PSE liquified-natural-gas facility on the Tacoma Tidelands, despite the illegitimate and false data used in the SEIS submitted for that plan and in obvious ignorance of the dangers of building a container of potentially explosive materials on top of a construction method proven by scientific study to be unstable, especially in the presence of rising sea levels. Washington's DOC needs to become a more-active player on the right side of arguments. This option will allow the state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Roger Martin
Tacoma, WA 98466

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Thank you for considering my comment. I will say on a personal level that my family has already noticed that streams and rivers that usually have various fish- salmon in particular- have not had any of these animals swimming through them for a long, long time. Destroying and replacing the rivers with all sorts of man made objects, even if for a good cause, is doing more damage than can ever be repaired. We need those fish in the water and we need to let them do what they've done for so long- otherwise our ecosystem will continue to die. What would we be left with, if we ruin the cycle of life that makes Washington so full of it? So verdant, evergreen, splendid? We are a bastion for wildlife in our forests, in our waters, in our skies, in our soil. And we can still do so much more to benefit the creatures that make our area incredibly unique! But we have to put them first, their needs ahead of our own, because it really won't kill us to avoid building a dam. Restructuring things to benefit the animals and strengthen the land against flooding would do so much more to keep our world working smoothly.

Thank you again for reading my concerns, I hope that together we can keep our world lively.

Sincerely,

Rachel Bowley
Renton, WA 98056

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Please save our wildlife. Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

jeri ichikawa
Battle Ground, WA 98604

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It was not long ago that our state collectively mourned an orca mother's loss of her newborn child. The killer whale population does not have enough food to be able to reproduce viable offspring. If we do not protect the few food sources they have left, we run the risk of starving this iconic Pacific Northwest species into extinction.

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Sincerely,

Allinee Hall
Seattle, WA 98133

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Priscilla Martinez
Bothell, WA 98011

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Christina Moehring
Vancouver, WA 98684

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I am from the Colville nation. Bonneville Power damned the Columbia many years ago and cut off our main source of subsistence - salmon. Besides salmon being sacred to our people, they were more than half of our food source. We've spent many, many years, a lot of expense, and several lawsuits to be able to re-establish our salmon runs. Salmon are also Orca whale's food. Our Soutgern Orca population is already in danger. We need to protect the salmon, the Chehalis tribe's subsistence, and the Orcas. Please do not build this dam!! Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Robin Youngblood
Tonasket, WA 98855

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Husband
Freeland, WA 98249

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Building a dam is a terrible idea and not the solution..a solution and the only one is to stop doing what's causing the flooding to worsen to begin with, until then no plan will work..Stop building on wetlands !! That's just common sense Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Diane whisler
Centralia, WA 98531

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Donna Rowland
Seattle, WA 98126

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

Are you kidding?? This is real?? With all the grass roots protests and rallies that are happening to save the salmon and the orcas, by breaching the lower 4 Snake River dams, you are actually wanting to build another one?? What rock are you all living under??? The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

There are countless success stories of rivers that have been restored with these methods that include tearing down dams. Need some direction for resources, data and information? Contact American Rivers.org!!!! A dam on the Chehalis would threaten salmon and steelhead species that are already in trouble — and will in turn harm endangered Southern Resident killer whales, which depend on salmon for their survival. Dam construction would cause direct habitat loss, changes to landcover types, and fragmentation limiting access to riparian corridors for large carnivores, ungulates and other native wildlife.

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Sincerely,

Tawn Kreider
Vancouver, WA 98661

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Sincerely,

Nella Lee
Poulsbo, WA 98370

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Sincerely,

Roberta Copenhefer
Mabton, WA 98935

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

The notion of adding a dam to the Chehalis river at this time is so out of date and wrongheaded as to defy explanation. The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding. All around us in the Pacific Northwest we urgently need to remove damaging structures and restore healthy, self-maintaining habitat.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Margaret A Mills
Deer Harbor, WA 98243

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

As a kid who grew up in the Puget Sound region, visiting haunts of my parents in western Washington, I am writing to tell you that you should NOT even consider any dams on the Chehalis River. My dad grew up in Adna, Washington, right on the river. As a child, he spent time exploring that wonderful ecosystem. As a parent, he took me there to share his special places. One of the marvels of which my dad spoke was the occasional flooding which unearthed a whole new array of things to be discovered, not the least of which were arrowheads. You should realize that the era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding. This is the only thing that will encourage the ecosystem to manage itself and protect surrounding properties in the process. A dam on the Chehalis would threaten salmon and steelhead species that are already in trouble — and will in turn harm endangered Southern Resident killer whales, which depend on salmon for their survival. Dam construction would cause direct habitat loss, changes to landcover types, and fragmentation limiting access to riparian corridors for large carnivores, ungulates and other native wildlife.

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Sincerely,

Maradel Gale
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

As a resident of Washington State I am aware of the effects dams have had on our wildlife which, in turn, has had, and will continue to have a substantial effect on our economy.

The disruption to the ecological balance in our area is having devastating effects on the wild salmon population, which is putting the orca population on a path to extinction. Dependent upon the health of this system are the native communities of the area, already fighting economic, cultural, and political disadvantages put upon them through hundreds of years of prejudice and oppression.

The ill effects of damming are already well established, and yet humans continue to follow the foolish path rather than sacrifice themselves for their own good. That there is no longer room for choice in these matters. The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Sincerely,

Victoria Shields
Tacoma, WA 98407

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

My address is 3634 Loren St NE, Lacey, WA 98516. We must save salmon and all life on earth! The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Sincerely,

Joel Carlson
Olympia, WA 98516

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

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Sincerely,

Julie Soukup
East Olympia, WA 98540

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

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We are in the midst of an extinction crisis -- with over 150 UN sanctioned experts noting that we stand to lose a million species in the coming decades unless we change business as usual. The era of building dams has come to an end. Now is the time for transformative change.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Tanya Sanerib
Seattle, WA 98115

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

I live in Onalaska, Lewis County, and the fate of the river affects me and my family. Despite flood dangers, we can't further endanger our salmon and orca populations. There are other ways to mitigate flood danger. The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Sincerely,

Susanne Weil
Onalaska, WA 98570

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

A few years ago the city of Bellingham renovated a local stream with oxbows to prevent flooding. The city also removed a concrete and rock bulkhead at Boulevard Park. Last year my homeowners association removed a timber and rock bulkhead at our marina. Both were replaced with natural sloping cobble beaches. In my direct experience governments are moving toward more natural flood protection. The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Noreen Fujitasacco
Bellingham, WA 98229

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The local Jamestown S'klallam tribe did a great job with a creek on Sequim Bay that had been a flooding problem. They restored the original path of the stream and added vegetation. We have not had a problem since.

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This option will allow the state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Minerva Hodis
South Prairie, WA 98385

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In 2003, the USACE provided a plan based off the Dutch initiative known as Room for the River. This plan is far less costly and far less destructive. I urge you to consider this plan instead of the dam project, especially now with the havoc coronavirus is creating to funding. Also, it is incredibly arrogant for humans to continue to build in areas known for flooding and expect to have a safe haven. It is time to move people out of harm's way and prohibit further development on flood plains. The history of flooding in the Chehalis basin is legend: http://www.chronline.com/from-native-american-legends-to-2007-a-history-of-flooding-in-the-chehalis-river-basin/article_5907dba8-dad4-11e7-9643-5b146dd7cbcb.html This option will allow the state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Teri Wright
Port Ludlow, WA 98365

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding. More dams in this day and age, when the biosphere is in free fall collapse, is a ludicrous idea. Instead, we humans should be restoring wetlands and planting floodplain trees, and completely stopping the building of houses and industry along these floodplains. We humans are part of the earth, we share the planet with thousands of other animals and plants, water and rock, and I hate the way we treat this stunning planet! A dam on the Chehalis would threaten salmon and steelhead species that are already in trouble — and will in turn harm endangered Southern Resident killer whales, which depend on salmon for their survival. Dam construction would cause direct habitat loss, changes to landcover types, and fragmentation limiting access to riparian corridors for large carnivores, ungulates and other native wildlife.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Lenore Bussing
Winthrop, WA 98862

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

I am an attorney in Spokane and I am writing to you regarding the Chehalis River. The time for building dams has come to an end and is so shortsighted and detrimental to the environment. Our state should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead we should be focusing on restoring natural processes that protect against flooding. It has been demonstrated that humans cannot replace nature by working against it. A dam on the Chehalis would threaten salmon and steelhead species that are already in trouble. A dam would, in turn, harm endangered Southern Resident killer whales, which depend on salmon for their survival. Dam construction would cause direct habitat loss, changes to landcover types, and fragmentation limiting access to riparian corridors for large carnivores, ungulates and other native wildlife.

The Department of Ecology should stop using the 'might makes right' approach and instead consider the 'local action' alternative as has been presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. Building a dam would be a huge mistake and a tremendous waste of taxpayer funds.

The local action option will allow the state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system.

Apparently those in power have learned nothing from the extremely negative impacts that the dams that were built have caused. Someone said, 'The only thing that we have learned from history is that people do not learn from history.' Our state is a significant example of that statement.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Mitchell
Spokane, WA 99205

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

You're kidding right? A dam? In 2020? With what we know now about their harmful effects on human and non-human life? Please, the era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Jamie K Donaldson
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

Once again our poor water management means wildlife and the ecology of another riparian gem must be destroyed. I am saddened that in a state that prides itself on being called The Green state falls to the pressure of a few who failed to live with the land, and feel the need to destroy the land for the many. The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

S E Hagstrom
Woodinville, WA 98072

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

The recent trend in Washington has been to dismantle old dams that did to their rivers exactly what building a dam on the Chehalis River would do: adversely affect the species that live in and need a free river to thrive and make the journeys that they are intended to make. The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Roberta McNair
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

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Please just leave our natural rivers ALONE. We don't need artificial man-made problems - too many of them already interrupting nature. No new dams, and pull down the Lower 4 Snake River Dams too, they're long past their prime. This option will allow the state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Jill Hein
Coupeville, WA 98239

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

Damage caused by the Chehalis River's enhanced flood cycle is the predictable result of decades worth of hyper-aggressive road construction and clearcut logging on both private and state lands upstream. In other words, human mistakes of the past and present are the direct source of the human miseries stemming from the recurrent flooding. Adding yet another unnatural element to this watershed -- a flood control dam -- is simply insult atop injury.

The era of building dams has mercifully come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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The push for a new dam is a classic case of wanting one's cake and eating it too. It's the fallacious notion that the business of reckless forestry practices exacerbating the flooding can continue without modification, so long as an artificial installation is in place downvalley to hold the surging waters back. The Department of Ecology must take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and absolutely not build this dam.

This option will allow state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both reduce flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system. The smart choice is the one that respects natural waterways, landscapes, and ecosystems as a whole.

Sincerely,

James Scarborough
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

This is absolutely the worst decision possible. Scientists and people far, far smarter than Trump, which is just about everybody, have deemed this a terrible, fatal plan. A dam on the Chehalis would threaten salmon and steelhead species that are already in trouble — and will in turn harm endangered Southern Resident killer whales, which depend on salmon for their survival. Dam construction would cause direct habitat loss, changes to landcover types, and fragmentation limiting access to riparian corridors for large carnivores, ungulates and other native wildlife.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Julia McLaughlin
Rochester, WA 98579

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

We should not be building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control. Let's focus instead on the more modern solution of protecting and restoring natural processes to prevent flooding.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Heather Swanson
Maple Falls, WA 98266

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

EARTHCARE..EARTHCARE..EARTHCARE.. NOW and FOREVER! START SAVING EARTH AND ITS
INHABITANTS NOW!!! Robin Hordon Kingston, WA -----

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Sincerely,

Robin Hordon
Kingston, WA 98346

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Barbara Baugh
Lacey, WA 98503

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

We have learned the harms the dams do and must act on the lessons learned from existing dams. The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring a myriad of natural processes to protect against flooding.

A dam on the Chehalis would threaten salmon and steelhead species which are already in trouble — and will in turn further harm already endangered Southern Resident killer whales, that depend on salmon for their survival.

Dam construction would cause direct habitat loss, changes to land-cover types, and fragmentation of habitat thereby further limiting access to riparian corridors for large carnivores, ungulates and other native wildlife.

The Department of Ecology must take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and simply not build this dam.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Boni Biery
Seattle, WA 98133

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

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The Department of Ecology must take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and not build this dam. Here is good reasoning for NOT building dams: <https://www.dawn.com/news/1419121> This option will allow the state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system. Here is a resource for an alternative: https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_PLANTMATERIALS/publications/idpmcar2261.pdf And another: <http://www.greening.in/2013/05/how-trees-help-in-preventing-floods.html> Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Laura Westbrook
Seattle, WA 98133

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

You all should know this. Rivers and wildlife - including whales - are in peril. There are problems to be solved but you, yourself, should know that building more dams is a deadly choice. The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Cathy Spalding
Olympia, WA 98516

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Flood management will be of increasing importance going forward into more extreme weather events here and around the world. Working out ecosystem-integrated flood control measures through wetland restoration, flood plain management and other ways are vital. Dams are far more damaging than constructive, causing loss of habitat, biodiversity, ecosystem services and existing ways of life, and costing more water loss from greater water surface area. Please choose 'local action' instead of this antiquated technology with all of its consequences.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Jesyca Hernstadt
Camas, WA 98607

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

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Sincerely,

V Mangum
Spokane, WA 99206

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Is it not enough that we have a dozen dams killing salmon already, without building another one? Let's give these poor fish a chance. The Department of Ecology must take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and not build this dam.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

James Mallay
Vancouver, WA 98683

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The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding. All we do to claim land away from its natural inhabitants just fuels things like this pandemic. We need to pay much better attention to the natural habitat and what it does. A dam on the Chehalis would threaten salmon and steelhead species that are already in trouble — and will in turn harm endangered Southern Resident killer whales, which depend on salmon for their survival. Dam construction would cause direct habitat loss, changes to landcover types, and fragmentation limiting access to riparian corridors for large carnivores, ungulates and other native wildlife.

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Sincerely,

Pat Layden
Seattle, WA 98188

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This option will allow the state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system. No more dams. No more violating Indigenous people's rights. Enough. Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Rena Bailey
Lynnwood, WA 98036

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

We cannot keep going down this same old destructive road. Mistreatment of upriver land and forests must stop. It has ruined the land upriver and now the downriver land is affected. Using dams as a fix to this poor method of land use is not acceptable. I'm not willing to sacrifice the incredibly important wild salmon runs on the Chehalis or the Southern Resident killer whales who's path to extinction absolutely must be turned around. These orca co-evolved with these salmon and they need them. Ecosystems need these wild salmon and a free flowing river with forests that are left untouched. As a citizen of Washington state, a stakeholder and steward, I inform with urgency, the Chehalis dam project must cease immediately. The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Please join us on the right side of history. We are capable of creating better solutions to our problems than this dam, which will create vastly greater problems and for much longer.

Sincerely,

Heather Nicholson
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

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The incompetent Rump administration continues to fail Americans. #TrumpVirus Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Tika Bordelon
Seattle, WA 98101

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I grew up fishing that river and it is critical resource for the whole area and would be severely damaged by damming. This option will allow the state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Thomas Brigham
Pullman, WA 99163

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*** I have been fortunate enough to fish on the Chehalis River and it was an exciting time for me. And I was able to cook my catch! This river is very important to many fish, animals and people. Please do not build this dam. Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Daniel Zeh
Spring Hill, FL 34606

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

Why is the State of Washington considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control. They should be working to bring back natural ebbs and flows to prevent flooding.

A dam on the Chehalis would be bad for salmon and steelhead that are already endangered and Southern Resident killer whales, which need salmon for their survival. Building a dam would cause direct habitat loss, changes to landcover types, and fragmentation limiting access to riparian corridors for large carnivores, ungulates and other native wildlife.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Joanna Vintilla
Seattle, WA 98133

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

Damming the Chehalis River would diminish the salmon runs that the Southern Resident Orca need for survival. Already Chehalis River salmon runs are way below historic numbers. But allowing a dam to be built on the Chehalis would not only further endanger the salmon, but the orcas who rely upon the salmon. We should be restoring the habitat up and down the Chehalis River valley to control floods - aggressively reforest clear cuts, take out unneeded logging roads, limit pesticide use. There are so many things that we can do that will benefit the entire system. Why do we need a dam? That is so 20th century.

The Department of Ecology must take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and not build this dam.

This option will allow the state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Paul Birkeland
Seattle, WA 98115

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

I am adding my voice to the letter below (I totally support this viewpoint). We have the knowledge and practices to create a “win-win” situation with concern for flooding. We do not need to put in place things that harm wildlife and the native food chain as a sacrifice to human needs. Such as a new dam! The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

A dam on the Chehalis would threaten salmon and steelhead species that are already in trouble — and will in turn harm endangered Southern Resident killer whales, which depend on salmon for their survival. Dam construction would cause direct habitat loss, changes to landcover types, and fragmentation limiting access to riparian corridors for large carnivores, ungulates and other native wildlife.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Kristin Fernald
Lopez Island, WA 98261

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

The era of building dams has come to an end. Our beautiful State of Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding!! A dam on the Chehalis would MOST DEFINITELY threaten salmon and steelhead species that are already in trouble — and will in turn harm endangered Southern Resident killer whales, which COMPLETELY depend on salmon for their survival!! Dam construction would cause direct habitat loss, changes to landcover types, and fragmentation limiting access to riparian corridors for large carnivores, ungulates and other native wildlife.

The Department of Ecology MUST take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and NOT BUILD THIS DAM!!.

This option will allow the state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and HELP TO SAVE THE SALMON, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system.

My wife and I want to THANK YOU so much for considering our comment.

Sincerely,

Ken and Jan Livingston
Mukilteo, WA 98275

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

This is a non-starter - the idea to build a dam? To threaten even more of our precious salmon runs? To impact the ability of the native people to their heritage and the 'treaty' we signed? NO - don't do it! Don't even think about it! The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Mary Cross
Kent, WA 98042

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

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The Department of Ecology must take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and not build this dam.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Nima Rosepiper
Great Barrington, MA 1230

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

I have been informed that Washington is considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control. While in the past that is what we did, I believe that building dams head come to an end for good reason. I think that America should instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding. This is the better solution for our wildlife and the land. To contact a dam would: 1. threaten salmon and steelhead species that are already in trouble 2. harm endangered Southern Resident killer whales that depend on salmon for their survival 3. cause habitat loss 4. change landcover types 5. fragment and limit access to riparian corridors for large and small wildlife I believe that the 'local action' alternative presented in the draft EIS for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project is the best plan. I ask that the Department of Ecology accept this action and not build a dam for all of the reasons mentioned above. Also, this action will allow state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system.

The time for dams is at an end. Let's think smarter for all species. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Debra Hunt
Kalama, WA 98625

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

Why on earth is this dam being considered as we take down dams, realizing the damage they do? The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

marjorie Fields
Edmonds, WA 98020

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

It is time to REMOVE dams, not build new ones. We need solar and wind energy, not destruction of our ocean life and rivers, and flood control should be done with planting of trees and habitat restoration. The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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The Department of Ecology must take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and NOT build this dam.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Dr. E. O'Halloran
Spokane, WA 99208

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

I care about us keeping this beautiful river and all its gentle creatures safe and thriving. And I agree with the sentiments below: The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

A dam on the Chehalis would threaten salmon and steelhead species that are already in trouble — and will in turn harm endangered Southern Resident killer whales, which depend on salmon for their survival. Dam construction would cause direct habitat loss, changes to landcover types, and fragmentation limiting access to riparian corridors for large carnivores, ungulates and other native wildlife.

The Department of Ecology must take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and not build this dam.

This option will allow the state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Butler
Edmonds, WA 98026

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

We have learned that dams cause more problems than they solve. We should not be considering damming the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

A dam on the Chehalis would threaten salmon and steelhead species that are already in trouble — and the orcas which depend on salmon for their survival. Take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact study.

Sincerely,

Susan Dowling
Bonney Lake, WA 98391

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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The Department of Ecology must take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and not build this dam. Keep it natural; do we need another dam? This option will allow the state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Helga O'Brien
Sequim, WA 98382

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

It is time to be removing dams on the Snake. The Department of Ecology must take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and not build this dam.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Jim Byrne
Ridgefield, WA 98642

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

As a resident of Port Townsend, WA, I am deeply concerned about the health of the critically-endangered Southern Resident Orcas. Lack of chinook salmon, their main dietary requirement, is shortening their lives through malnutrition and starvation, and is causing more reproductive difficulties and calf mortality.

The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

A dam on the Chehalis would threaten salmon and steelhead species that are already in trouble. Dam construction would cause direct habitat loss for fish and amphibians, changes to landcover types, and fragmentation limiting access to riparian corridors for large carnivores, ungulates and other native wildlife.

The Department of Ecology must take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and not build this dam.

This option will allow the state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system.

We also should not be investing public resources approaching a billion dollars to destroy habitat with the proposed dam. This limited 'solution' appears designed to protect private interests who built in flood plain areas. Instead, the public should invest in buying them out and restoring the floodplain and uplands. This can lead to desperately needed new jobs in a new restoration economy of this area. Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Debra Ellers
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

Building dams is environmentally outdated & on the Chehalis River it would cause irreparable damage to healthy salmon runs & destruction of wildlife corridors. I encourage you, instead, to take the 'local action' alternative in the draft environmental impact statement. For flood control the state needs to focus on the restoration of forests & wetlands & better land-use practices .

Thank you for your time & thoughtful consideration of the needs & protection of this precious waterway & it's environment!

Sincerely,

Juliet Dickens
Seattle, WA 98117

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

Today I write as not only a concerned individual, a parent/grandparent, and voter, but also as a former educator. It is essential that you focus on actions that will not harm species and fragment the environment. The Department of Ecology must take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and not build this dam.

This option will allow the state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Nj Morgan
Seattle, WA 98103

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

Hello, Let's use less invasive and destructive ways to manage our rivers. As mentioned here, improving forest lands, reducing pavement-related runoff and using landscaping like grassy swales (Something my wife wrote about in college for her AA degree) can greatly mitigate flooding and the risk of flooding. These preserve the character of our state, the habitats our fish and Orcas depend on, plus they can be put in place much faster than any dam project with fewer objections and at lower costs. The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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The Department of Ecology must take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and not build this dam.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Bruce Wade
Mount Vernon, WA 98274

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

Haven't we learned our lesson about damming Washington rivers? We know only too well the damage done to native salmon runs and other river wildlife from dams on the Elwha (now undammed and undergoing restoration, yay!) and the Snake and Columbia Rivers, awaiting dam removal and ecological remediation. Why would we even consider causing new damage to our river ecosystems with a new dam anywhere in the state? The Department of Ecology must take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and not build this dam.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Cheryl McRill
Mount Vernon, WA 98274

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding. If we didn't allow building on flood plains, then flood control would not be necessary. Just how much of a priority are we as a species if it requires the extinction of all other species for us to be here?! We really must consider our own population control in the Pacific Northwest so that what makes this area so remarkable is allowed to survive! A dam on the Chehalis would threaten salmon and steelhead species that are already in trouble — and will in turn harm endangered Southern Resident killer whales, which depend on salmon for their survival. Dam construction would cause direct habitat loss, changes to landcover types, and fragmentation limiting access to riparian corridors for large carnivores, ungulates and other native wildlife.

The Department of Ecology must take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and not build this dam.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Gay and David Santerre
Buckley, WA 98321

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

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The Department of Ecology must take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and not build this dam.

This option will allow the state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system.

I am a lifelong resident of Washington State and am horrified at the changes that have occurred over the past 50 years. Building another dam is horrific. What are you thinking? We are in climate change.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Madeleine Wiley
Redmond, WA 98053

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

Washington should NOT be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on RESTORING NATURAL PROCESSES to protect against flooding.

A dam on the Chehalis would threaten salmon and steelhead species that are ALREADY IN TROUBLE — and will in turn HARM ENDANGERED Southern Resident ORCA WHALES, which depend on salmon for their survival. Dam construction would cause direct habitat loss, changes to landcover types, and fragmentation LIMITING ACCESS TO RIPARIAN CORRIDORS for large carnivores, ungulates and other native wildlife. It is time humans stop thinking ONLY about themselves. We are part of a larger web of living community, which includes all animal, and plant life. What do you imagine we are going to eat when all the salmon are extinct, and the food chains cannot recover from our childish belief that we can do whatever we want without a care to the effect on other biological systems? The Department of Ecology MUST TAKE the 'LOCAL ACTION' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and NOT BUILD THIS DAMN.

This option will allow the state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife, AND our own species that depend on this important river system.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Mariana Sintay
Seattle, WA 98125

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

Please, do not build a dam on the Chehalis River. Using concrete to solve environmental issues is so outdated. The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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The Department of Ecology must take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and not build this dam.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Ron Good
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

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This option will allow the state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Donaghue
Edmonds, WA 98020

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

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The Department of Ecology must take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and not build this dam.

This option will allow the state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system.

WTF are you people thinking? Another damn dam? How about starting to act civilized and stop being so damn mean and greedy when it comes to protecting our environment for future Generations. Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Thom Peters
Snohomish, WA 98290

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

I strongly oppose the proposal to build a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control; Washington should instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Laurie Solomon
La Center, WA 98629

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

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This option will allow the state and local communities to.

focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system.

Thank you for considering my comment. WA wildlife and their habitat must be protected.

Sincerely,

Lynn Okita
Dupont, WA 98327

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

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How many studies do you need to show that damming cannot continue on these vital ecosystems?
Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Greg Willett
Wauna, WA 98395

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

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This option will allow the state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system. . Now is the to recognize all our past mistakes. Let's do this the right way. Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Sandra Adams
Bremerton, WA 98312

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

Please please please, do NOT allow a new dam on the Chehalis River. We can and SHOULD focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

So many Washington citizens have been working so hard to restore to good health our salmon and steelhead runs that are already in deep trouble. We are doing this for ourselves, for our salmon, and for our resident orcas who absolutely must have healthy runs of salmon to survive. Dam construction would cause direct habitat loss, changes to landcover types, and fragmentation limiting access to riparian corridors for large carnivores, ungulates and other native wildlife.

Please take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft EIS for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. Do not build this dam.

If Washington state and our local communities focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, we will be taking the path that is most forward-looking and sensible. Our grandchildren will thank you for this!!! Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Leota Hair
Seattle, WA 98199

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

An urgent appeal from citizen Jeff Wiles of Coon Rapids, MN. Please give this subject your swift and full attention. The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Jeff Wiles
Minneapolis, MN 55448

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

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Sincerely,

Michael Betz
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

Why would we tear down the Elwa dam if it worked? Over the last few years science has shown dams are not the answer. A huge part of the flooding problem is due to large areas of impervious surface that do not have proper water management. Rather than try to control a river why not try to minimize our impact upon it?.

The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Blackburn
Yelm, WA 98597

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

Please don't dam the Chehalis River. I believe that habitat restoration and other land-use practices can provide better protection against flooding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shelley Minden
Seattle, WA 98102

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

Humans have caused great suffering and food challenges for the Southern Resident Killer Whales. How bad do things have to get on this planet before we stop destroying it and the inhabitants. If humans need something, we should think of things that will hurt another species. I feel this is true despite the embarrassing attitude that humans are the most important species on the planet. We are not. A dam on the Chehalis would threaten salmon and steelhead species that are already in trouble — and will in turn harm endangered Southern Resident killer whales, which depend on salmon for their survival. Dam construction would cause direct habitat loss, changes to landcover types, and fragmentation limiting access to riparian corridors for large carnivores, ungulates and other native wildlife.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Sally Phillips
Seattle, WA 98126

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

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Sincerely,

R Delanoval
Seattle, WA 98155

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Please use alternative methods for flood control so that salmon can be preserved and to support the orca population.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Margaret Graham
Seattle, WA 98117

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

John Smith
Yakima, WA 98902

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

You've got to be kidding! We breaching dams, not building them. It's cheaper to move homes higher. The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

bob carson
Walla Walla, WA 99362

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The damage caused by dams at this time in history outweighs the perceived benefits. The 'local action' option will allow the state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system. This will be a much better alternative for all concerned. Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Marilee Meyer
Port Angeles, WA 98362

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Sincerely,

David Mayer
Olympia, WA 98502

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

Orcas are the whales in the coal mine. If we can't protect another large mammal in our shared environment, we may just find ourselves joining them on an endangered species list. The logic of building dams has been surpassed by better alternatives. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding and developing less impactful alternatives that are now feasible.

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Sincerely,

Daniel Wend
Seattle, WA 98198

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Pamela Clifford
Bellingham, WA 98225

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Diana Cristina
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

we have seen what Damming rivers does to our native salmon populations and the effects it has on whales and even Bald eagle distribution and population from looking at rivers like the Skagit. We have seen success when you look at the wild rivers such as Noolsak and now the un-dammed Elwah River.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

brian duvall
North Bend, WA 98045

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The Flood of 2007 which impacted the town of PeEll where I lived at the time, would not have been prevented by a dam. Logging on several steep slopes led to logging debris clogging the river and taking out several bridges. The era of dams is over. Please stop this dam and prevent further building in the Chehalis flood plain.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Barbara Kerschner
Centralia, WA 98531

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

Restoring habitat & protecting our wildlife should be an urgent priority.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Wendy Wolf
North Bend, WA 98045

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

Building a flood control dam on the Chahalis river will do more harm than good. Instead of a new dam that will further endanger salmon runs and orcas, as well as other wildlife, Washington should focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Sincerely,

Jana Hobbs
Kirkland, WA 98033

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Kate McLaughlin
Seattle, WA 98133

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Sincerely,

Ronald Ein
Seattle, WA 98118

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It makes no sense to put in a dam to control flooding when that involves deforestation that creates flooding.

I do not want my tax dollars spent protecting property owners who choose to live in a flood zone. Money that would be spent on a dam should go toward moving people out of the flood zone, elevating the freeway above the flood zone, and restoration projects on the river. A dam on the Chehalis would threaten salmon and steelhead species that are already in trouble — and will in turn harm endangered Southern Resident killer whales, which depend on salmon for their survival.

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Sincerely,

Margaret Townsend
Olympia, WA 98506

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It's time for the people of the United States to wake up. We cannot survive as a species on this planet by ignoring our responsibility to protect and nurture the natural world, which in turn is what sustains us, and ultimately makes our lives possible. It is no longer necessary to exploit Nature heedless of the consequences, nor do we need to resort to drastic technological methods to control Nature merely because we find what it does inconvenient. We have known about natural approaches to working with the environment for decades, and many dedicated naturalists in cooperation with scientists have continued to develop methods of interaction with nature which serve our own interests while promoting a healthy environment in which all creatures can thrive. It's long past time we made this kind of approach our priority. Please heed this message, and start fulfilling the actual purpose of a government department supposedly dedicated to Ecology.

Sincerely,

Robin Wilson
Minneapolis, MN 55432

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

Why does the solution for flood control always have to be building a dam which destroys habitat for wildlife and endangered salmon and steelhead? Enough with building more dams. Washington has more than enough dams already and should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Nellie Diaz
Kent, WA 98030

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Virginia Davis
Woodinville, WA 98072

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

You're kidding..another dam when our orcas are starving, the salmon runs which we've had for thousands of years dying out!! Think outside the box, please! There must be some natural ways to control flooding. Don't dam up the Chehalis River!.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Bledsoe
Seattle, WA 98125

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

It is imperative that we save the Chehalis River! Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding. Dam building is a thing of the past; we know more about ecosystems now and the importance of free flowing waters. AAs you may or may not know, a dam on the Chehalis would threaten salmon and steelhead species that are already in trouble — and will in turn harm endangered Southern Resident killer whales, which depend on salmon for their survival. Dam construction would cause direct habitat loss, changes to landcover types, and fragmentation limiting access to riparian corridors for large carnivores, ungulates and other native wildlife.

You as leaders in the the Department of Ecology responsible for the health and welfare of the ecosystems in our state of Washington MUST take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and NOT build this dam.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Virginia Metcalf
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

The Center for Biological Diversity staff has written the letter below which I whole-heartedly endorse. Please read the recommendations thoughtfully. Thank you. The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Lynn Noel
Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

The Center for Biodiversity wants to have it both ways, now it is promoting healthy forests as opposed to building flood control dams, yet they take forest land owners to court so they can't protect their trees from bears.

Screw these two faced assholes.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Howard Wilson
Montesano, WA 98563

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

With endangered and threatened species at high risk in Washington State it is hard to understand why DOE would consider building yet another dam. Especially as dams are being removed in the region to recover critical habitats. Dams and channeling have left a legacy of environment damage and unintended consequences. We should be using environmentally positive habitat recovery and relocation. Another dam proposal seems like a failure of imagination.

Sincerely,

Patrick Townsend
Olympia, WA 98506

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

My grandparents lived near Chehalis (Oakville and later near Maytown. Other relatives still live in that area. I was born and raised in Western Washington. I grew up near the Kent Valley's once rich farmlands now all paved over. We used to fish on Puget Sound back when there were still some healthy fish. It's been so upsetting growing up and seeing the decline of fish and whales and native wildlife. While I sympathize with news for flood control on some areas, the cost to nature is too great to keep allowing unlimited development in flood plains. The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Susan Payne
Kent, WA 98042

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

In the year 2020, we know the error of our ways. Creating dams for energy or flood control was one of the worst possible decisions made by humanity. It has had devastating effects on the fragile ecosystem that we all rely on for our livelihood. Therefore, Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Thank you for considering my comment and acting in the name of all species, not just humans.

Sincerely,

KRISTEN FORKEUTIS
Bow, WA 98232

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John Woolley
Sequim, WA 98382

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Karen Curry
Pullman, WA 99163

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I eat wild salmon and need the nutrition that it supplies for my rare blood disease. Please protect the salmon. Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Gloria McClintock
Mount Vernon, WA 98274

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Sincerely,

Matthew Lennon
Ellensburg, WA 98926

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Sincerely,

Tom Cole
Lynnwood, WA 98087

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Mark Ashley
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

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Sincerely,

Luke Brown
Seattle, WA 98119

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Sincerely,

Joyce Weir
Newport, WA 99156

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Sincerely,

Dr. Demian
Seattle, WA 98146

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Jai Boreen
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

Please do NOT dam the Chehalis. This river is incredibly necessary to all the ecosystems it supports—which are substantial. In particular, I am concerned about the salmon population and protecting killer whales. Please rethink this notion of any sort of dam—it's a terrible idea.

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Sincerely,

Melinda hirsch
Bellevue, WA 98005

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Sean Cooper
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

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As a citizen of Washington, I have seen the damage the dams do, and the wondrous restoration and good that happens when those dams are removed. How dare we built yet another dam? I have seen the damage that logging and development in the wrong places do to the natural environment, to natural flood control and abatement. Let's not do this again, please! The 'local action' alternative (as presented in the draft environmental impact statement) must be taken. No dam! This alternative will allow the state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas and other wildlife that depend on this important river system.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Rikke Giles
Kingston, WA 98346

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

Please, understand..please look at the long term, and look further than human entitlement. We SHARE this earth and habitat with ALL the creatures. We are not given the right to make decisions which only enhance our own ease, mitigate our own 'troubles'. THIS IS ABOUT SURVIVAL, Y'ALL. The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

JJ L.
Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

(This may be a duplicate of an earlier comment which I'm not sure was sent due to a website failure). My comment: It is not only counter intuitive, but just plain stupid, to propose a project to limit flooding on the Chehalis River and in that plan include deforestation that will increase flooding. <https://www.knxx.org/post/proposed-new-dam-chehalis-address-chronic-flooding-raises-many-questions> The above article states that the dam '.structure would require clearing forest land along the river — and it would be massive.' It would make more sense economically to buy out the properties on the flood plain and create a preserve in their stead and to build a freeway overpass over the the flood plain. This is a once in a year event and in my opinion doesn't require a dam to fix the infrequent freeway flooding. If affected property owners refuse the offer, that is their choice. But I object to my tax dollars going to protect parties who make that choice. Therefore, I urge the Department of Ecology to take the 'local action' alternative as presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project and not build this dam.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Townsend
Olympia, WA 98506

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

I write today to voice my concern our state of Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control. I, like many others here in Washington think that the era of building dams has finally come to an end, and instead of building dams we need to concentrate on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

As you are well aware, a dam on the Chehalis will threaten salmon and steelhead species that are already in trouble, and will in turn harm endangered Southern Resident killer whales, which depend on those salmon for their survival. You also know that dam construction would cause direct habitat loss, changes to landcover types, and fragmentation limiting access to riparian corridors for large carnivores, ungulates and other native wildlife.

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Sincerely,

L. McLean
Seattle, WA 98117

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Ellen Kritzman
Vashon, WA 98070

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

I've heard about the effort being for a dam on the Chehalis River for flood control. I'd like to understand and be assured that there is a focus on restoring the natural habitat to protect against flooding. What has been done or studied to this affect? A dam on the Chehalis would threaten salmon and steelhead species that are already in trouble — and will in turn harm endangered Southern Resident killer whales, which depend on salmon for their survival. This is one of my personal passions as I live in the Puget Sound region on Whidbey Island.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Clayton Granby
Freeland, WA 98249

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

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This option will allow state and local communities to focus on restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices that will both stop flooding and help to save salmon, orcas, and other wildlife that depend on this important river system. To control floods we must instead focus on restoring forests and wetlands, creating structures to enhance river complexity, and improving land-use practices rather than on building dams. THANK YOU for saving the Chehalis River by restoring habitat and promoting land-use practices to stop flooding and protect species instead of damming the priceless Chehalis River. .

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Judy Silverstein
Spokane, WA 99223

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Roy Treadway
Lacey, WA 98503

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Do better. Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Tracy Mosier
Kelso, WA 98626

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The state needs to focus on reforestation for erosion control so the soil can hold the water and slowly release it into the river drainages. We also need to be removing dams on the Columbia River to increase salmon production; building a dam on the Chehalis would devalue the biological studies that the taxpayers have funded showing, repeatedly, that dams impede the recovery of salmon populations; and that no human implemented 'runarounds' can work long-term. Taxpayers should not be funding what is ultimately a large, expensive band-aid to fix what is actually a failure to properly supervise and implement regenerative forestry practices.

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Aubrey Scheel
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Dear Washington State Department of Ecology,

No new dams! We need to be removing dams, not building them. I am a biologist and have worked in the field of habitat restoration for salmon and other species for much of my career. So much money and effort have been spent on restoration and we still aren't making the headway necessary. Another dam would be a giant step backward, which is just intolerable. The era of building dams has come to an end. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead focus on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding.

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Julie Whitacre
Bellingham, WA 98226

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The state just removed a dam on the Elwah in the past few years to improve salmon. Why consider a dam that would damage already endangered salmon! Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Gary E. Ranz
Bellingham, WA 98229

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Redmond, WA 98052

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Noel Barnes
Renton, WA 98058

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Renee Stearns
Seattle, WA 98109

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James George
Chelan, WA 98816

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Helen Curtis
Spokane, WA 99208

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Kathryn Plitt
Gig Harbor, WA 98332

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James Murphy
Seattle, WA 98122

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Robert Kuljis
Graham, WA 98338

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Lynn Emerson
Woodinville, WA 98072

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Message:

Robb Krehbiel
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Pierce, WA

Comments:

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Best,

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Reject the proposed dam on the Chehalis River

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I also stand with the Quinault Nation and am extremely concerned that this dam violates the 1856 Treaty of Olympia.

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While the EIS proposes mitigation actions for the dam, they are insufficient to fully protect endangered wildlife. The impacts of the proposed dam would be too severe to fully offset. Instead, we encourage the Chehalis Basin Board and Department of Ecology to fully assess conservation alternatives that rely on ecological restoration activities in the upper Basin to reduce flood risks downstream. Such actions can and should include: reforestation efforts, re-establishing flood plain form and function, restoring wetlands, expanding habitat protections, and installing municipal green stormwater infrastructure facilities along I-5 and in urban communities.

We encourage the Department to reject the proposed dam on the Chehalis River and develop a new plan to reduce the impacts of flooding in the Basin.

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Shane	Glass	Lacey	WA	985098396
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Steve	Lovelace	Wilkeson	WA	98396-0245
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Sean	O'Dell	Renton	WA	980563540
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Thomas	Libbey	Seattle	WA	98122-3916
Debbie	Thorn	Kirkland	WA	98033-4818
Sharon	Wilson	Seattle	WA	981152528
Toni	Howard	Renton	WA	98058-6710
Nance	Nicholls	Davenport	WA	99122
Tika	Bordelon	Seattle	WA	981011965
Timothy	Floyd	Puyallup	WA	98375
TJ	Thompson	Gig Harbor	WA	983353178
Thomas	Trescone	Seattle	WA	98102-5354
Tracey	Munno	Bothell	WA	98041-1021
Tracy	Ouellette	Bow	WA	982329246
Toni	Schwellinger	Port Orchard	WA	98367-7440

Diann	MacRae	Bothell	WA	980218004
Selim	Uzuner	Carnation	WA	980145800
Vanassa	Lundheim	Everett	WA	98203-3144
Sharon	Vander Pool	Lake Tapps	WA	983918968
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Laurie	Fahrner	Port Ludlow	WA	98365-8258
Scott	Cecile	Everett	WA	98208-4541
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Victoria	Hall	Burien	WA	98166-2019
Valerie	Mehring	Seattle	WA	98125-3313
Valentina	Mazza	Vancouver	WA	98661-2638
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Carole	Henry	Seabeck	WA	983808820
James	Mulcare	Clarkston	WA	994032576
Yvette	Goot	Colville	WA	991145031
Yvonne	Leach	Vashon	WA	980703043
Marc	Daniel	Mount Vernon	WA	982732913
Zbigniew	Bochniarz	Bellevue	WA	98005-1129
Tina	Brown	Anacortes	WA	982212962
Diane	Smith	Bellingham	WA	98229
Linda	Gregory	Bellingham	WA	982272248
Michael	Morford	Spokane	WA	99203
Rosemary	Harris	Seattle	WA	98116-2618
Gregory	Penchoen	Roy	WA	98580
Marylou A	Macias	Issaquah	WA	98029
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Russell	Miller	port townsend	WA	98368
David	Jessup	Port Angeles	WA	98362
Dru	Keenan	Seattle	WA	98112

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Message:

Alex Craven
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Washington

Comments:

Thank you for receiving comments on the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project.

495 supporters have signed onto the following message:

I am writing to express my opposition to a new dam on the Chehalis River, a project that is currently being analyzed by the Department of Ecology. As northwest salmon populations continue to dwindle, we need to put forward solutions that work for fish and for people – this dam won't cut it. The Chehalis River basin is clearly in need of a comprehensive strategy to address both heavy flooding and salmon and steelhead declines. Unfortunately, the current dam proposal will not comprehensively address either problem. The proposed dam is not fiscally responsible, and it comes with unacceptable impacts to the river. I urge you to direct the Department of Ecology to work towards solutions that do not rely on the failed approaches of the last century that we know are bad for fish and bad for the environment.

Please find the names & information of the 495 supporters of this petition attached. The first 219 have also written their own personal messages in addition to signing onto the petition.

A billion dollars can be put to much better use than a dam, especially in light of the economic disaster that has only just begun. Besides that, it is the era of removing dams, not building new ones. A dam on the Chehalis River would degrade fish habitat, reduce fish populations, in one of the area's most fish-populated rivers - we need to keep our wild fish, not make it more difficult for them to live. It is time to find new and better solutions to our problems, not to merely continue to do the same old ineffective and wasteful things we have in the past. The Earth needs us to find new ways, we have to start now.

Janice Klinski
Olympia, WA

All dams should be destroyed, its unnatural

Susan K. Falls
Enumclaw, WA

America's future generations need us to find a better solution than one which simply repeats mistakes made in the past. Mistakes which we are now paying dearly for.

Timothy Goldenberger
North Bend, WA

Another dam will not only endanger the survival of the salmon, it will endanger our ORCAs as well. NO MORE DAMS are necessary - Please rethink this proposed dam!

Karen Groth
Hansville, WA

Anyone who values Nature would oppose this dam proposal. I have followed this issue closely and worked in natural resource management for many years. There are better options which will stabilize the over-logged area and protect the salmon runs. There is no real need for any new dams.

Steve Robinson
Olympia, WA

As a native Northwesterner, I am concerned about the threats to our native salmon populations.

Mark Stewart
Seattle, WA

As someone who's career was related to the construction industry, I've always said "Just because you can doesn't mean you should." Both commercial and residential developments occur on flat land because it's less expensive despite the potential risk of flooding. We all pay the price with insurance rates, emergency repairs, etc. because of the decision of a few who take the money and run. Building a dam only perpetuates this greed but now at the risk of the flora and fauna that need the Chehalis River. Building a dam would be mindless of the long-term consequences.

Michael Jones
Longview, WA

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Ask yourself whether you respect the panorama of life on this planet, the only one we will ever have. Then, try to explain to your children and grand-children (I have both) why you would support yet another damn dam that will lead to the extinction of two species that we claim are vital to the environment and collective culture of the Pacific Northwest. Then look in the mirror and ask yourself who you really are and what you value about living here!

Michael Shurgot
Seattle, WA

At a time in our development that tells us dams are not all they as seem someone proposes building another. Where is really green energy. No dam on the Chehalis River, DAM!!

Patricia Lenzen
Vancouver, WA

At this point, we have technology that will allow us to produce electricity without harming the environment in such an irreversible way. Building and using the alternate technologies are equally able to create jobs as building a dam.

Anne Hepfer
Seattle, WA

Building another dam that will negatively affect the salmon population is a step backwards. We need to protect the declining population. It is not an ecologically sound measure.

Sandra Maloff
Vancouver, WA

Building dams will certainly doom our fish and wildlife- please do not allow this to happen!

Lisa Dennison
Seattle, WA

Currently the emphasis is on breaching dams, particularly on the Snake River in our northwest region. Building a dam that will further disturb and decrease the fish runs short sighted and fool hardy. I'm all for flood control but we need to work with the natural world not against it, that is if we want to continue surviving on this planet. Dams work against the natural world by simple brute force--force the water where you want it not where the laws of nature intended it. We cannot continue to bend nature to our will and also think nature won't level us to extinction. We are part of the web, not the web builder. Take an hour and watch Damnation on You Tube, it will make you feel good.

Patricia Freiberg
Vancouver, WA

Dam removal has proved a boon for rivers and streams. Let's not compound the mistakes of the past by building yet more dams and instead create new answers to old problems.

sylvia covington
Vancouver, WA

Damming the Chehalis River is a mistake. It will hurt the river ecosystem dramatically. I oppose this dam vehemently. Please do not move forward with this dam.

Doug McPhee
Camas, WA

Damming the Chehalis River is moving in the wrong direction. Dams are the biggest single cause in the decline of salmon populations, and some dams have even been removed to aid in their recovery.

Julia McLaughlin
Rochester, WA

Damming the river is not a sustainable solution! We need the wildness and the rivers as they are to promote life- even with a fish ladder so many other species will be affected. There are other ways solve our need for more!

Jennifer Kettle
Seattle, WA

Dams are proven to have a detrimental impact on wildlife and ecosystems. As natural resource management professional, I have a heartfelt interest in shifting human impacts to that which is positive and renewing for both the earth and its inhabitants.

Melissa Roberts
Olympia, WA

Dams are the main reason our salmon and orcas are in danger of going extinct, and we cannot afford to build another misguided dam project. Please don't allow this proposal to move forward.

Nick Engelfried
Bellingham, WA

Dams in general have caused massive disruption to wildlife and to the spawning of salmon, etc., in our rivers. I'm actually surprised this is even being considered while there are efforts to remove dams around the state.

Chelsea Kearns
Seattle, WA

Dear Gov. Inslee, You should be tearing DOWN dams not building MORE!

Elizabeth Cunningham
Seattle, WA

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Destroying habitat for short term goals is misguided. We have learned by now that this sort of "solution" causes more harm than good, stop this terrible idea. Mary Jones Seattle

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Seattle, WA

Do not allow this boondoggle to come into being! It is a "cure" worse than the problem it is proposed to fix!

Frances Blair
Steilacoom, WA

Do the right thing and protect native fish populations in Washington and listen to the voices of the Chehalis and Quinault Nations who oppose this dam!

Karli McIntyre
SPOKANE, WA

Every single dam in the United States threatens ecosystems and biodiversity that is already fragile enough from the effects of climate change, pollution, and ramshackle management. In the northwest, the salmon and steelhead are already threatened by the dams that cut off their access to their spawning grounds and are equally threatened by the reservoirs that absorb the sun's heat thus heating the water to uninhabitable temperatures. Along with threats to salmon and steelhead, there's the threat to wetlands. Wetlands are vital to preventing flooding and to carbon absorption. Related to all those factors, the first people of this land are strongly and rightfully opposed to the construction of the Chehalis River Dam. I'm doing what's right by standing with them in protecting the lands and waters they've lived with since time immemorial. I am helping them protect the salmon and steelhead relatives from destruction of their habitat. This dam cannot and must not be built.

Ric Berkholtz
Seattle, WA

Extinction is forever. You have a talented staff and many caring Washington citizens expect to see creative, effective ideas that will both bolster our precious, endangered salmon and minimize flooding.

Randall Collins
SEATTLE, WA

Extinction of the salmon and our fish runs is FOREVER. Please think of our natural world for a change. In this day and age we are talking about taking down dams not putting them up. Look at the history of the Elwa in WA state and the success story that occurred once the dams were removed. Don't move backwards we want to move forward for the future of our children and the planet.

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Find some other way to address flood damage. Buying downstream land is probably cheaper than the dam.

Katie Berkowitz
Olympia, WA

For the wildlife and personal satisfaction that we the people can actually enjoy the ecosystem as it is now and well not be disturbed any further that well harm the flora and fauna even more. If people of this state want to build their business or home in a flood zone that should be their responsibility not the tax payers of Washington state or at the expense also of the natural surroundings.

Michsel Grieb
Chehalis, WA

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Has NO ONE realized WHY the Orcas are dying? Cut off the Salmon runs by blocking their migration,; DO. THE. DAMNED. MATH. This is NOT ecologically sound nor resemble for anyone living thing or for the environment. Continuing to repeddle "old plans" and used measures doe NOTHING to correct any defects or issue experienced in the past. Continuing to ignore mistakes of the past continue to create mistakes for the future. Washington's better than this. The Orcas and Salmon are better than this. The citizens of Washington are better than this. SHAME. ON. YOU!

Margaret Mehegan
Lacey, WA

Haven't we learned by now that we err fatally when tampering with the natural flow of rivers and their ecological role in the health of the greater ecosystems they traverse?

Carrie Gonzalez
Olympia, WA

Haven't we already learned that dams are the harm and not the answer!

Yolanda Sayles
Gig Harbor, WA

Having clean cold water for our native salmon is crucial for our region's healthy environment and culture. No new dams should be built on any of our rivers.

Angus Brackett
Seattle, WA

Hi, I am property owner in Lewis county and my family and I often walk to the Chehalis River. We would hate to see wildlife damaged by a dam. Humans need change their behavior to accommodate the natural behavior of

rivers and the affects of climate change.

Anna Naughton
Seattle, WA

How many fish ecosystems have been screwed up by dams that will still need to be removed? Development (often pushed by "JOBS!") without responsible environmental input just makes no sense.

Pamela Webster
Ridgefield, WA

Humans do not have the right to extinguish all species and their habitats! Humans and their businesses can move OUT of the flood plain! This is a destructive archaic, extremely expensive dam project and unnecessary!!

Susan Sandwell
Olympia, WA

I actually live in Lewis County. Our home is not affected by flooding, but we have trouble traveling into town when it floods. I am strongly opposed to any dam project on the Chehalis River and agree we need to work toward other better solutions.

Jenny O'Neill
Chehalis, WA

I am against damming the Chehalis river. Salmon are a keystone species. They fee the Orcas. When they return to a river to spawn their death fertilizes the soil with nitrogen-15 from the ocean, helpingthe growth of trees. In turn the trees reinforce the stream banks from erosion and feed and house beavers and are homes for native birds. Most of the rivers in the world are damned. We have upset the balance in ecosystems. Nature gave birth to us. We need to protect her. Mary Morgan

Mary Morgan
Seattle, WA

I am concerned that the large negative environmental impact outweighs any proposed benefit for the proposed Chehalis dam which seems like a sledge hammer solution to the problem. It seems to me that looking upstream and at the river itself for how development has altered the land's ability to absorb flooding and mitigate by renaturalizing and limiting development in the flood plain makes much more economic and environmental sense.

Diane Boteler
Eastsound, WA

I am opposed to the proposed to the Chehalis River Dam because it threatens already endangered salmon and would negatively impact greenhouse gas emissions. the Salmon and Orca are critical for all people in Washington State and especially indigenous people.

Bill Sampson
Seattle, WA

I am very concerned with the prospect of the Chehalis River dam proposal. Coming from an area that installed the same sort of dam. It was after there was a report submitted saying that there were no salmon in the creek, even though all the neighbors said there were salmon on the creek. But now after the installation there are always salmon dying at the bottom of the dam. This was definitely a plan gone awry and feel that the Chehalis River dam will cause the same problem. So if you don't listen to the science at the very least you should be required to install fish ladders!

Kathy Staley
Chehalis, WA

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I can see no reason for a dam in western Washington. Keeping ecosystems alive is important.

Hugh Kimball
Seattle, WA

I cannot believe any Dept. of Ecology can support this project. For shame.

Ola Edwards
Seattle, WA

I do not want another river closed to our increasingly threatened salmon. This will negatively affect ocean life as well as the salmon runs. Our local Orca Whales are suffering and need salmon. NO to the proposed Chehalis Dam.

Laurie Schaetzel-Hill
Olympia, WA

I find it utterly irresponsible that in the current climate, when there is enough scientific data to back up how terrible dams are in the long run, a progressive state like Washington would even consider this. I am a Washington resident, and grew up on the Southern I-5 corridor, I am familiar with the area, the structures built there with an understanding of the risk, thus it's not the taxpayers responsibility to reduce it. In regards to I-5, you can take all the money you stole from Washington residents who passed a measure for \$30 dollar tags and use it to fix the problem the proper way, by fixing the road not changing the river.

Joshua Burck
Yakima, WA

I have studied about declining salmon populations in the NW for many years. Damning rivers, destruction of habitat are huge contributors to salmon decimation. Salmon are the lifeblood of the NW natural world. Get a grip on reality. Scrap any damn proposals.

Lynn Brevig
Seattle, WA

I have worked in the commercial fishing industry and am deeply concerned about degradation in salmon habitat. Dams are not the answer to this problem. Do not build this dam.

Kris Freeman
Seattle, WA

I live on a tributary stream that flows into the Chehalis River. I do my best to maintain habit for the dwindling Salmon population and I'm asking you to do the same. Please protect the environment and say no to additional barriers to our fish returning home here in Waddell Creek. NO DAM ON THE CHEHALIS RIVER PLEASE. ITS JUST ABSURD

Shilo De La Cruz
Olympia, WA

I lived near the Chehalis River as a child, and damming it is an expensive and questionable solution to flooding. We expected it to flood and lived with it--it only became more severe as more shopping centers and houses were built there. My suggestion would be to quit allowing development on the flood plain. A dam will also be ruinous to the fish--and that river used to be full of fish! I think a dam is a very bad idea.

Nancy Knowles
Woodland, WA

I may not live close to this river, but there is so much irreplaceable value to leaving the free-flowing river alone. It always bothers me to see humans trying to alter nature to suit themselves. If you don't want to get flooded out, stop building in flood plains. We've already caused enough damage to natural systems, & it is time to find better solutions than constructing another damn dam. Just don't do it.

Connie Hughes
Yakima, WA

I oppose dam building on the Chehalis because of the damage it will do to wildlife.

William Persky
Olympia, WA

I oppose the Chehalis River dam because of its negative impact on fish, wetlands and the lands along the river which is basically the largest water way in my community. A more effective solution to the flooding that threatens the small cities near I 5 is to restore the natural floodplain function to the basin. It is important to listen to the advice of impacted tribes. The tribes oppose the dam.

Loretta Seppanen
Olympia, WA

I oppose the Chehalis River dam. I care about the environment. The dam will have a major negative impact on fish, especially the spring Chinook, and their habitat. It will provide minimal flood damage reduction compared to other options. These other options have a higher benefit for less cost. Options include: regulations, raising elevations of repetitive loss properties or moving them. It's an all around bad idea.

Kathy Swartout
Lacey, WA

I oppose this dam because of the environmental impacts and the astronomical cost.

Michelle Stepp
Olympia, WA

I respectfully request that the proposed dam on the Chehalis be denied. This is not the time to build new dams anywhere. Look at what just happened in Michigan. We are so much smarter than this. In the 21st century, we know that dams are not the wisest way to protect people from flooding. The natural courses and nature of waterways must be respected. Zoning to prevent construction in flood zones and other projects that damage the river's natural flows only lead to failures at some point, and waste tax dollars. In addition, our salmon runs are damaged and people and other wildlife that depend on salmon are suffering. We should do everything to support salmon and all native fish in Washington. Let's not go backwards. Look at the success of the Elwha dam removal. The river quickly started to get healthier; fish began to return. It's a celebrated success. No more dams, please!

Joan Miller
Seattle, WA

I say "NO" to a dam. If we want a free flowing river that supports wild fish and wildlife, we must accept periodic flooding as a natural result of excessive rainfall.

Roger Chapanis
Sammamish, WA

I stand in solidarity with salmon, the Quinalt Nation and the Chehalis Tribe.

Jean Avery
Vancouver, WA

I strongly oppose this dam on the Chehalis River. I have already written in support of a letter recently sent by Earth Ministry in support of the objections and serious concerns raised by the Quinalt Nation, the Chehalis Tribes, and the Chehalis River Alliance. I have lived and worked in and with the people of the Chehalis River watershed on and off through out my life, growing up in Grays Harbor County (10 years in Elma), and serving as United Methodist pastor in Pe Ell, Doty, and Dryad along the upper Chehalis River in the Willapa Hills. Please don't build this dam! Listen to the salmon and the water and the forest and the animals and the First Peoples and to your own eternal souls instead of individualistic, short-term profit driven, ultimately self-destructive motives. Protect the holy gift of Creation. Don't build this dam! Find ways together to live in concert with the "eons-old" sacred and life-giving ecology of this watershed. Please! Don't! Build! This! Dam!

Randall (randy) Henderson
Lacey, WA

I think we've messed with salmon enough, don't you?

Kathryne Herold
Seattle, WA

I thought the era of dam building was over! This proposal is totally unnecessary. The Pacific Northwest has plenty of dams already, and our salmon and orcas have been paying for it for decades. Enough is enough. We need to be taking dams down, not building new ones.

Sarah Kavage
Seattle, WA

I understand the negative impact of flooding on I-5 and agree it is a concern. However, there are other ways of addressing the issue.

Andrea Brokaw
Oak Harbor, WA

I urge you to abandon the current plan to dam the Chehalis River. The salmon need this watershed to survive. We need a functioning ecosystem to manage the watershed for diverse needs. Damming the river is not the right solution.

Martha Taylor
Seattle, WA

I've lived in the floodplain and through multiple floods and recognize that the natural course of action is for this river to do what it is. This river creates the ecosystem by which so many make a living to contribute their part of a robust economy. Fish, forestry, indigenous rights and culture, and independent careers should not be compromised by a one size fits all answer to economic stability. Consider the independent spirit of entrepreneurship that resides within this watershed versus the corporate infrastructure. The economy needs both. Preserve what cannot be replaced, look to the national trends of removing dams, and maintain the integrity of local people dependent on their local watershed and ecosystem!

Brian McElfresh
Rochester, WA

It is our duty and our job to protect all wildlife and this proposed Chehalis dam threatens it and puts native fish that are already on the brink of extinction in jeopardy. Don't let this happen!

Frances Crosby
Kelso, WA

Impacts to the overall environment for a region from a proposed project have been ignored for far too long. Please stop this project until its impact to fish and the entire ecosystem is examined.

Peter Renner
Seattle, WA

Is this dam really necessary? Will it improve the lives of folks living downstream? Building a dam on the Chehalis is a step backwards. Just look at the cost of the Elwha dam removal. That will be the ultimate fate of the proposed dam too.

Leif Anderson
Bremerton, WA

It is much more important to protect the salmon and the ecosystem than it is to build a dam. Period. Don't do it!

Serena Donnelly
Camas, WA

It's clear the damage these dams do to fish habitat. We're running out of time to protect wild salmon stock. Let's think long term for once and not create more environmental degradation. Thank you.

Anne McDuffie
Seattle, WA

Jay, it is time to give the fish a chance. C'mon, this is backwards. Unconscionable.

John Weeks
Seattle, WA

Let Nature take its own course, the way it should.

Nancy Mcelfresh
Rochester, WA

Let us continue working for right now and for the future environment. Please protect the Chehalis river.

Valerie Lange
Tumwater, WA

Let us not add to the degradation of the salmon habitat. Rather let us find a way to live with the Chehalis River rather than putting up a dam.

Janet Hedgepath
Vancouver, WA

Let's move past creating new dams and invest in alternative energy methods!

Jonah Griffith
Seattle, WA

Listen to and respect the tribal elders.

Gwynne Brown
Tacoma, WA

My wife and I live in Chehalis. It's not the planet's fault that white people decided to settle in the floodplains, then log off all the timber. The Chehalis is the largest non-dammed river in Washington. It supports more amphibian diversity than any other river. If you want to protect I-5 with dikes or whatever, that's fine. But please please don't dam the Chehalis!!

Bill Barmettler
Chehalis, WA

My wife and I live south of the Chehalis area, but enjoy travelling the river valley on weekend drives. In an era when we've learned that dams equal catastrophic damage to fish and other wildlife, there has got to be a better way to safeguard our communities from flood.

Ron S Moore
Longview, WA

Native fish are endangered and need to be protected not destroyed by a dam! There are far better ways to protect communities from flooding and keep the river flowing naturally. Dams are being dismantled in Washington and many other places because of their devastating effect on wildlife and surrounding lands. Has the Department of Ecology considered re-introducing beavers to protect surrounding lands from flooding? Please work toward a solution for the flooding that will also protect fish stocks and other wildlife.

Annie Cubberly
Olympia, WA

No dam protect our streams and rivers

Lisa Berck
Vancouver, WA

No Dam!!

Kathleen Mcbeth
Bellevue, WA

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Allison Ostrer
Seattle, WA

No more Dam it

Elizabeth Cunningham
Seattle, WA

no more damns. If anything, remove them.

Bill Link
La Center, WA

No more damns. They harm wildlife and the ecology. Make another plan.

Denise Link
Olympia, WA

no more dams

Carol Stevens
Yelm, WA

no more dams that harm our salmon and the orca and disrupt the natural flow of rivers - invest in solar and wind power!

Elizabeth Nedeff
Seattle, WA

No more dams! We need our salmon back! Please find another way.

Krisna Mohler
Seattle, WA

Now more than ever, we need to be good stewards of the land. This dam is simply too destructive to our environment, and our future. There are better solutions. Please deny the permit for this proposed dam.

Cindy Creager
Kenmore, WA

Now, more than ever, we need to realize how a diverse and healthy environment is to our physical and mental health. Man's impact and construction on our home has been much too great in the past and we have to stop interfering with nature's way in order to make it easier for man's way. This dam will threaten endangered fish species and provide very little benefit over the long term.

Becky Andrade
Lacey, WA

Our iconic salmon species are already in deep trouble -- an additional dam is the worst possible idea for salmon health, wetlands and wildlife.

Polly Freeman
Seattle, WA

Our salmon need all the help they can get.

roger hoffeditz
seattle, WA

People need wild places. We need to know not everything has been altered and despoiled by humans. It was humans that caused the flooding and meddling more by putting in a dam will have both unforeseen and foreseen consequences. Let the Chehalis flow free. Find other ways to cope with flooding.

Annie Cubberly
Olympia, WA

Please act responsibly & be good stewards of this planet for our future generations. My family settled in Centralia; established the Grier Glove Company and lived and worked there throughout their lives. Be bold. Find an alternative to this dam.

Farley Bartelmes
Kirkland, WA

Please do not damn this river and put salmon at risk.

Diana Dexter
Vancouver, WA

Please do whatever it takes to stop the building of the Chehalis dam.

Helen Read
Seattle, WA

Please don't let this dam happen. This is an awesome river and we hike alongside it every day. This dam will kill fish, and even with the "habitat improvements" they say will be made, the EIS clearly states this is not going to save the fish. Please stand with the tribes and environmentalists and say NO to this dam. Thank you

Marcy Anholt
Chehalis, WA

Please don't let this dam happen! The Chehalis River is far too important to have a dam in its future!! The Chinook salmon and all of the other species are so important for the orcas and the cycle continues. No one should be able to disrupt the cycle!

Lou Orr
Shoreline, WA

Please learn the lessons of the histories of each and every other dam built in the Northwest and elsewhere! Dams destroy wild fish runs!

Jeffrey Norman
Bellevue, WA

Please let us be a leader in environmental health and fiscal responsibility.

Kyle Noble
Olympia, WA

Please look for another solution for fooding, once you damage the river it is very very hard if ever to bring back the life that thrives. A look to the Elwha shows you in real time the years it took to get the river and salmon back. Thank you.

cyndi cross
Seattle, WA

Please protect our nation's wilderness and rivers

Pete Reagel
Seattle, WA

Please take more time to research the negative impacts of putting a new dam on the Chehalis. There are other options that are not so detrimental to fish populations and so fiscally irresponsible.

Karen Meadows-Hills
Seattle, WA

Please, let's keep our delicate wildlife as healthy as we can. We are already doing so much damage to these ecosystems, which then impact the rest of us though we don't want to readily see it. If this is to thwart flooding of lower areas, address those causes first. This is not the way to do this. Additional flooding, warm weather, etc. is caused by climate change. Fix that, then move forward. Hurting salmon habitat and subsequently orca habitat, and those of other affected species is not the answer. Humans need to fix the human-caused issues.

Margaret Vandenberg
Seattle, WA

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Margaret Vandenberg
Seattle, WA

Preserve our wild rivers for nature and agriculture.

Asha McElfresh
Rochester, WA

Protect our salmon! No more dams! Look at the alternatives!

Stephen Curry
Olympia, WA

Protect the Chehalis River. Protect salmon, steelhead, wetlands, cedar trees and the web of life.

Janet Higbee-Robindon
Bellingham, WA

RE: Quinault Indian Nation comments, Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project under State Environmental Policy Act On behalf of the Quinault Indian Nation (?Quinault? or ?Nation?), Earthjustice provides these comments regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (?DEIS?) for the Proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project (?Project? or ?dam/levee Project?). I opposes the proposed Project to build an expandable flood control dam. The DEIS does not meet fundamental requirements of State Environmental Policy Act (?SEPA?) I have worked to protect the Black River in Thurston County. I support the protection of Wild Salmon over hatchery salmon. The Elwa Dam has proven wild salmon do better in natural Conditions. Thank you.

Sue Danver
Olympia, WA

Rivers are meant to run free.

Balazs Dibuz
Seattle, WA

Salmon, habitat, nature first - then humans after . To reverse this order will lead to eventual self-destruction.

Blaine Snow
Olympia, WA

Save our Salmon!

Mary Lee Mahar
Seattle, WA

Save the salmon

Bryson Hirai-Hadley
Seattle, WA

Say NO to anymore dams! Solar Power and redesigned Wind Power (less injury and death to birds of prey! is

Charles Fuller
La Center, WA

Shameful to build a damn on Chehalis to speed up the extinction of our precious fish.

Lynda Cunningh
Camas, WA

Soon there will be no wilderness left untouched. Why does this have to happen. In whose interests does this serve?

Tara Vargas
Washougal, WA

Stop messing with Mother Nature. This is not the answer.

Barbara Churchill Binder
Centralia, WA

Thank you for considering input from all Americans.

Diana Ruth Nichols
Vancouver, WA

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opposition to this proposal. I see both sides of the issue having suffered the devastating flood of 2007. Following the flood, millions of dollars went toward redesigning I-5 to withstand another flood. On the other side of the river, so to speak, I am proud that Salmon and Steelhead in the Chehalis River has not been designated as threatened...yet. There is a reason for that. I don't believe this designation should give license to decision makers to disrupt and destroy the natural flow of the Chehalis River and threaten Salmon. Salmon is Washington's heritage. Isn't it time we consider the true motivation behind continually stripping the land of its natural habitat and the life it supports? Who stands to gain the most from this billion dollar dam?

Valerie Vaughn
Olympia, WA

Thank you for your support for so many environmental issues. Please continue to support the survival of wild salmon.

Sandra Ciske
Seattle, WA

The adverse impacts of building this dam are too costly to fish populations, climate recovery, wetlands, wildlife and our state's budget. For all of these important reasons, I join the Chehalis tribe and the Quinault Indian Nation, fish advocates, environmentalists and recreationists in opposing the construction of the Chehalis River dam.

Kathy Albert
Seattle, WA

The Army Core of Engineers ruined the wild salmon population in California, Oregon and Washington state by building dams don't do it too the Chehalis River

Ron Beckham
Yelm, WA

The beautiful state of Washington would not be the same without running waters, salmon, preservation of natural habitat. It would be very sad to see more degradation of salmon habitat. The natural world needs our help, not more destruction.

Carol Kochta
Olympia, WA

The Chehalis River is a vitally important habitat for salmon and a wide range of wildlife. This dam would cause irreparable harm to this habitat, and runs counter to all the efforts Washington state has made to restore salmon populations. At a time when breaching the dams on the Columbia River is an increasingly viable consideration, why would we be building a dam on the Chehalis? In the 1990s, I wrote my master's thesis on flood plain management in the Chehalis River watershed. Poor planning and coordination, along with continued development in the flood plain, are the problems that need addressing. We do NOT need to dam the river! Kasia Pierzga Olympia, Wash.

Kasia Pierzga
Olympia, WA

The Chehalis River is important for salmon and steelhead and that are necessary for our starving orca. The Chehalis and Quinault Tribes rely on these fish as a vital part of their culture and economy. The proposed dam is an extremely expensive and ineffective response to a complex problem. We need a response that prioritizes restoring the watershed, wetlands and riparian zones to reduce and modulate flooding. We should look at buying out the most at risk properties to help restore the flood plain and focus on buffering I-5 directly.

Bill Arthur
Seattle, WA

The Chehalis River is nature's gift to everyone. My wife and I very strongly oppose this unneeded and unnecessary dam. In America today, fewer dams are needed, not more. We ask that you abandon the Chehalis river dam.

Lehman Holder
Vancouver, WA

The Chehalis River is one of the few rivers that flow directly to the ocean that does not have a dam. Improvements to river habitat will help restore fish runs and benefit other species as well. The Elwah River is a prime example of river restoration after dam removal. Let's not build a dam on the Chehalis that affects our dwindling salmon and steelhead.

Dennis Rice
Washougal, WA

The Chehalis River must not be dammed, it must run wild for salmon and other wildlife. Please, no man-made structures on the Chehalis River.

Donna Snow
Lacey, WA

The Chehalis river runs through areas I have enjoyed for 30 years . With other energy options available there isn't any reason for another dam. It will destroy the riparian eco system that has been healthy for years. Thank you.

Joan Scofield
Olympia, WA

The dam proposal is another insult to nature. When will past lessons be learned!

Den Mark Wichar
Vancouver, WA

The dam will have a negative impact on fish habitat AND it will be expensive.. We don't need another dam.

Shawn Baz
Seattle, WA

The Elwha is once again a free-flowing river and truly a marvel in regeneration, including abundant fish populations. We know too much today about the destructive effects of damming in the American West to make this same mistake again on the Chehalis. Doing all we can to protect the salmon runs for native tribes and nations, as well as settler sport anglers, is an ethical obligation that the largely white power structure must honor.

Tom Strawman
Anacortes, WA

The last solution we need is another dam! We are struggling currently with other dams impacting fish habitat and Native American rights. We need to look for better solutions to flood control.

Doores Kueffler
Vancouver, WA

The northwest receives ample rainfall each year and typically suffers floods. Placing additional dams on our waterways will only exacerbate this problem and cost Washington more tax payer funds as well as cause damage to our ecosystems. Don't allow this dam.

Andrew Jacoby II
Randle, WA

The proposed dam on the Chehalis River must not be allowed to move forward. We are at a critical point in history of making a choice between saving what remains of our ecosystems, wildlife and endangered species. If the dam is built, it will deal a major blow to remaining endangered wild steelhead and spring chinook salmon that use the headwaters for spawning ground. This in turn will also harm the critically endangered southern resident killer whales which depend on healthy salmon runs for survival. The Chehalis watershed has the most diverse amphibian habitat of any watershed in Washington. Dam construction would cause direct habitat loss for many species, including amphibians. Flood control is a thing of the past. The era of dam building is over. We need to be working towards flood resiliency in the face of climate change!

Asha McElfresh
Rochester, WA

The rivers belong to the animals. \$1 billion is better spent relocating development that is in the floodplain, where we don't belong.

Dana Berthold Hendricks
Stevenson, WA

The salmon is disappearing!

Samuel Garbi
Vancouver, WA

The Veterans' Ecological Trades Collective exists to support veterans and allies in acquiring skills that launch or refine careers in Conservation, Agriculture, Forestry and Ecological Design. We provide lifelong networking opportunities for the advancement of veteran's mutual aid, regional food security and natural resource conservation. It is our vision that all veterans who are willing and able to practice their trades in an ecologically informed manner will be able to access gainful employment working with the land or its produce. The Chehalis River Dam will impact the conservation efforts of our mission and can not stand.

Penny Dex
Centralia, WA

There are better alternatives than ruining wildlife and salmon!! PLEASE don't dam up the Chehalis River area.

L Wayn
olympia, WA

There are better things to concentrate on & spend precious money in other more environmentally friendly ways!

Marie Gallagher
Anacortes, WA

There are plenty of solutions that are as effective and less invasive. Oh and cheaper too. I am opposed

Mike. Goodwin
Richland, WA

This appears to be a bad idea if it will interfere with salmon migration. If that is a consequence of this project, you need to find a better way to deal with the flooding issues.

Michael Carrol
Olympia, WA

This area is needed to protect wildlife especially salmon my family are fishermen And we are mostly vegetarian/pescatarian please protect this free flowing river

Sharon Bucher
Battle Ground, WA

This is an incredibly misguided and destructive plan with no sound environmental justification. It is imperative that you do everything in your power to prevent this damned damn project from being implemented. We'll be monitoring and will remember in November.

Charles M. Fink
Seattle, WA

This is crazy! We need to restore the environment not destroy it.

Rita Hogan
Olympia, WA

This is not just an engineering problem.

JOSEPH BARRECA
Kettle Falls, WA

This is the last thing we need right now if we're serious about trying to save salmon.

Paul Ames Reinhold
Seattle, WA

This matters to me because I do not want salmon to go extinct and I think that is already a very real possibility and with one more dam on one more river it seems like a given. Please find another way.

Luan Pinson
Vancouver, WA

This project appears to create more problems than it solves. The benefits are few and don't eliminate flooding; the negative consequences are many - most notably to the salmon. What the dam WON'T do: · End flooding: the plan would only reduce I-5 closures · Generate hydropower for Lewis County residents · Supply water to Chehalis basin farmers · Create new recreational opportunities What the dam will do: · Require significant logging and costly ongoing debris removal · Drown 6 miles of critical salmon and steelhead habitat · Worsen the Chehalis River's existing water quality issues · Increase the risk of future flood damage if it triggers more floodplain development. I oppose the proposed \$628 million to \$1 billion Chehalis Dam. A new dam will not eliminate flooding and would significantly impact fish, wildlife, aquatic and terrestrial habitat.

Kasia Pierzga
Olympia, WA

Throwing away taxpayer dollars to fail to accomplish a solution to flooding, while also eliminating salmon runs and destroying river habitat is a criminal enterprise. The people suggesting this are stealing our hard-earned dollars!

Joel Hanson
Spokane, WA

To flood-proof I-5, focus on solutions at the highway, not changing the natural flow of the Chehalis! Homes or structures can be raised at a cost much lower than that of a new dam, especially considering long-term costs. And, you'll have fish!

Dave Wechner
Coupeville, WA

We all know why this dam should not happen, don't succumb to pressure!

Carol Root
Seattle, WA

We already know the damage of damming! Why can't we learn from our mistakes or has money become more important than our planet and all the creatures living on it?!

Carol Smith
Lacey, WA

We are at a time at which dam removal should be considered to protect salmon spawning grounds, not building more dams. There is nothing that I want more than to see the use of more renewable energy in the Pacific Northwest, but we know that dams are not as ecologically friendly as once thought. This dam is not the right move for us to take. Additionally, we are continuing to overlook the impacts of dams on indigenous communities. It has become far too common for native peoples' needs to be overlooked and this is the time to be undoing those injustices, not adding to them. This dam pushes us in the wrong direction.

Tanner O'Brien
Camas, WA

We can get the renewable energy we need from wind power with far less environmental destruction than what another dam will do.

Laurence Severtson
Olympia, WA

We cannot continue to rely on solutions that hurt our environment and extend the damaging legacy of colonization against the Chehalis and Quinault Peoples. Please reject this project!

Jeff Deluca
Olympia, WA

We can't let these symbols of the Pacific Northwest become extinct. Please do not go forward with this dam.

Lana Hoover
Seattle, WA

We don't need it!

Thomas Fifarek
Vancouver, WA

We don't need a dam on the Chehalis River because it will effect our salmon and steelhead runs. The wildlife out in that area will be effected also. Also the cost for this dam, who is paying for it.

Mary Kennedy
Longview, WA

We don't need another dam, It will effect so many inviromental things. Nature has a handle on it, the dam is not necessary.

Jessica Jones
Olympia, WA

We don't need more dams destroying precious habitat!

Carol Jacobs-Carre
Seattle, WA

we have enough dams in the united states and globally, no more dams!!!

Nathan Tallar
Normandy Park, WA

We have other ways to produce clean energy. Let?s not destroy more habitats by building another dam.

Marta Janer
Seattle, WA

We have to be more sensitive to the needs of nature. Fish need rivers without dams. Building a dam overlooks the full needs of nature, and does not address the truth that mankind actually needs nature's needs fully accommodated. Mankind only hurts itself in the long run if it ignores the rest of nature's full needs.

Frederick Duhring
Seattle, WA

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Frederick Duhring
Seattle, WA

We have to protect our natural resources now. Look how we need to take away the dams that we have made.

Susi Hulbert
Longview, WA

We have to start doing more to preserve our environment and all that live in it. Salmon plays such a huge part in culture and as a food source it should be protected

Vianna Engel
Rochester, WA

We live in one of the most beautiful regions in the world. We don't need to destroy our environment at the cost of cheap power. WE DON'T NEED IT AND WE DON'T WANT IT.

EDWIN BUCKLEY
LAKEWOOD, WA

We must keep the Chehalis River free-flowing for salmon and people.

Donna Snow
Lacey, WA

We must preserve habitat for salmon and other impacted species. Damming more rivers is a bad choice for the environment and will contribute to degradation of our local climate. Will we ever learn to live as a part of nature rather than to dominate and destroy our beautiful home in this world? Please protect our natural environment - no dam.

Suellen Knight
Tumwater, WA

We must protect our native fish population from becoming extinct. Therefore, please recognize the harm that the Chehalis Dam presents.

Ellen Wagner
Lacey, WA

We must stand in solidarity with salmon, the Quinault Nation and Chehalis Tribe, and climate change activists to oppose projects like this one. This dam will be ineffective, environmentally-destructive, and comes with a hefty price tag.

W Koopman
Olympia, WA

We need more free-flowing rivers, not more concrete dams that obstruct water flow and salmon migration. Let's not take a step backwards.

Bruce Sanchez
Seattle, WA

We need real climate change, not the same old "let's destroy" the rivers and fish

Catherine Adams
Seattle, WA

We need to be taking dams down, not putting them up. If folks don't want to live in a floodplain, they need to move.

Patricia Kolstad
Olympia, WA

We need to do things to preserve the native fish population rather than taking its history. Please do not build the Chehalis Dam.

Enid Cox
Vancouver, WA

We need to explore other options that incorporate restoration of wetlands, use of Native American practices and knowledge, and best science for preserving the ability of native fish to thrive.

Maureen Hildreth
Vancouver, WA

We need to find other ways of sustainable energy production besides damming up our rivers. This only leads to further endangering salmon populations and disrupting the ecosystem. Our rivers are precious and we need to prioritize them!

Jennifer Seel
Olympia, WA

WE need to get rid of dams, not build new ones! there are other ways to alleviate flooding!

Klouise Cook
Seattle, WA

We need to maintain our environment better. We don't need another dam - It's not clear what the purpose of this dam is, however, if it is for hydroelectric power we should not build it. We would be better to further energy sources such as solar and wind power rather than destroying our rivers.

Ruth King
Lacey, WA

We need to protect the natural ecosystem of fish and the species that rely on it.

Augusta Butlin
Seattle, WA

We need to take down dams not build more. There has to be another solution than to wreck the Chehalis River for the salmon but also for the people; tribe citizens and the public that use this river AND the environment. Building dams were the mistake of years past. There needs to be another solution. The Department of Ecology has to start using techniques that don't harm us and future generations.

Linda Kroeger
Seattle, WA

we say no to the chehalis dam. we need to preserve the fish and the environment.

Lyle Smith
Vancouver, WA

We should continue to REMOVE dams for the sake of our salmon and wild spaces.

GAIL HECMANCUK
Tacoma, WA

We simply don't need another dam. There are plenty of other environmentally-friendly technologies, and millions of acres on the east side of the Cascades on which to put them. Salmon are suffering enough as it is, and regardless of the work-around the dam uses to get salmon upstream, it simply won't be as good as the natural order of things.

Chris Roberts
Kalama, WA

We're still trying to get rid of other dams in WA, so please don't erect another one. Give the salmon and nature a chance. It's easier for us to change our behaviors than them.

Sharon and James Price
Seattle, WA

We've eaten salmon caught on the Chehalis River on friends property, where our dogs have all frolicked in the shallows. We've seen beavers cutting trees for a home. No dam on the Chehalis!

Richard Hurst
Lacey, WA

What we need are innovative technology that coexist with nature instead of destroying it. Money is better spent on improving old out of date hydroelectric systems.

Felipe Morales
Washougal, WA

Where we currently live we used to see 8 to 10 salmon swim up our creeks, now we're lucky to see 3, a dam would make it worse.

Linda and Robert Capps
Centralia, WA

Whereas I know people who live in the Chehalis River flood plain and that flooding is a problem for them, I think that we need to look at the bigger picture in solving this problem and see how we can reduce runoff upstream and not harm the salmon and steelhead and the natural processes of the river. There are more people to consider than the farmers in the valley and the travelers through the area.

Miriam West
Olympia, WA

While dams can have beneficial impacts for humans, they are detrimental to the ecology of natural environments. Salmon populations are already seeing detrimental decreases in population size due to human caused climate impacts and this would increase that risk even more. It is integral that you think more thoroughly about the damage this dam would cause to natural ecosystems compared to the small human gain. Please consider other options to address heavy flooding.

Talia Berkman
seattle, WA

While I agree that mitigating the chances and severity of flooding is needed, I do not feel that this is the best course of action. Clear cutting our forests and the ensuing loss of permeable soils is the major cause of the severe floods we've encountered these past few decades. THAT is what needs to change. Please do not degrade the inherent health of this watershed. Protect it by changing how various HUMAN activities within the watershed negatively impact the incidence of flooding. Thanks for reading my comments!

David Mayer
Olympia, WA

While I understand this dam is meant to mitigate future flood damage, there are too many negative effects, on fish and wildlife, on wetlands, and the impact on the indigenous peoples of the area. Surely we have enough knowledge and science to be able to problem solve without resorting to an outmoded system such as a dam--our communities need and expect better!!

Sherri Bentley
Olympia, WA

While we do need to find a way to mitigate harm to agriculture from the disastrous seasonal flooding of the Chehalis River, damming the river, thereby damaging or wiping out the regional ecosystem, is unacceptable. A lot of really creative cooperation by a lot of people who don't usually work together will serve us well now.

Julia Rosmond
Olympia, WA

Who thought of this DAM project!!! IT'S NOT the solution. But would create more PROBLEMS.

Tj Jennings
Olympia, WA

with the climate change in full blossom please to not create more problems

James Keeley
Vancouver, WA

With the removal of the Elwah dam outside of Port Angeles and the recovery of a lost river system and its positive impact on the improvements of salmon population and general improvement of this river ecosystem, why would we go back to the a time when dams were put in place based on a lack of understanding of its impacts on the

entire ecosystem. I strongly oppose the building of this structure based on it the false assumptions of its proposed benefits.

Brian Hawkins
Port Orchard, WA

Yet another misguided project putting human interests above natures. No, absolutely no to another dam. If there is worries of floods spend the money buying the homes in the flood zone and make it an area where people can't build. Our salmon need rivers that aren't dammed, all the wildlife and plants in the area need natural spaces. Please don't dam the Chehalis. Kate Williams

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You cannot prevent major events as the 2007 flood, and they are going to get worse. You need to stop hauling gravel in to fill the valley floor to build WalMarts and auto dealers. Oh ya, and build above the flood plain, which is for growing food

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