

Commenter: Chris Ringlee
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 9/19/2020

Comment

Please standby the states EIS findings and do not allow permits on this dam.

Commenter: Bonnie Miller
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 9/19/2020

Comment

The beneficial impact is so minor as to make the negative impact the major reason to accept the no action option. The loss of wetlands, habitats, safe fish passage/water is too great to accept any construction. Impacts from the proposed project would contribute to substantial adverse cumulative impacts to some portions of the study area for the following resource areas:

- Water quality and quantity
- Geology and geologic hazards
- Aquatic species and habitats
- Terrestrial species and habitats
- Cultural resources
- Socioeconomics
- Environmental justice

From: [Tom Slocum](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] NWS-2014-1118 Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project Public Comment
Date: Sunday, September 20, 2020 8:47:40 PM

To whom it may concern:

I wish to provide the following public comment to the record for the application for Section 404 permit No. NWS-2014-1118.

I strongly oppose issuing the Section 404 permit for the FRE structure component of the project. The Corps' analysis finds that the project will adversely affect Endangered Species and Essential Fish Habitat under the respective statutes. Decades of dam building in the 20th Century were catastrophic for salmon stocks and other aquatic species in the Northwest. Flooding and its accompanying mass transport of wood debris and sediment are key watershed processes that are essential for the creation and maintenance of fish habitat. The elimination of flood flows and sediment transport by dams is a major cause of the collapse of wild salmon stocks. The proposed FRE structure, even with its fancy fishway and adjustable doors, simply repeats the mistakes of 20th Century by eliminating flood processes, and will destroy habitat the Chehalis River.

Lewis County and the timber industry created their flooding problem by developing the Chehalis floodplain and clearcutting the upland forests. Lewis County and the timber industry need to be responsible for correcting their problem by removing the development and massive and aggressive reforestation. I urge the Corps to reject the permit application for the FRE and insist that the county and timber industry take responsibility for implementing effective non-structural management actions.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide public comment.

Sincerely,
Thomas Slocum

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Chehalis Flood Control Project
Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 10:22:22 AM

Hello All,

I am a resident of Battle Ground, Wa. I have visited the riparian areas along the Chehalis River and I am deeply concerned about the proposed flood control project on the Chehalis.

The proposed flood control project on the Chehalis River is a project doomed to run Chinook Salmon, steelhead, and SRKW to extinction. Currently, the Chehalis is closed to steelhead fishing due to already low steelhead runs; a prospect of a dam certainly dooms salmon towards extinction as a dam would cause degradation of fish and wildlife habitat, increasing the water temperature and turbidity. The project would, likewise, increase greenhouse gas emissions and impact wetland habitat.

The decline in salmon population is also due to climate change, according to the Dept of Fish and Wildlife. In early January, state experts noted that 25% of the Chehalis River Basin retained optimal temperatures for coho salmon. That is expected to decrease to 6% by 2040 and to 2% by 2080. Scientists maintain that Chinook are the most vulnerable to the increasing temperatures because they spend the most time waiting in upstream areas to spawn.

Furthermore, the destruction of native fish populations of the Chehalis River is a violation of treaty obligations as signed the Treaty of Olympia (1856). The Chehalis Tribe is in opposition to this dam because it would destroy significant cultural sites and their traditional fishing and hunting grounds.

The analysis in the DEIS also revealed that no serious alternative to the dam had been considered. Options for flood control project Plan B would be to provide mitigation and assistance to landowners in the floodplain, invest in habitat restoration, culvert removal, and de-channelization where the river has been artificially narrowed. Furthermore, we need to discourage new floodplain development and timber harvests. Since 2002 about 230,972 acres of the watershed have been logged, according to the state Dept of Natural Resources and this accounts for up to 14 percent of the forestland there. The impacts of clear-cuts and logging roads set the stage for large landslides. These landslides fill creeks and ravines. In some areas, log jams may act like small dams, temporarily holding back water until they topple over or are breached. As the floodwater continues to move, it inundates Chehalis and Centralia, of which as much as 70% lie in the floodplain. Drainage is a problem because of a layer of impervious clay just below the shallow soil.

We cannot continue to subsidize large scale developments and bailouts. Stricter building regulations in the floodplain need to be adopted rather than constructing dams.

Further options for salmon recovery include shoreline restoration and culvert or barrier removal. This would not be cheap or quick and include planting shade trees, shifting sediment and gravel, carving out new eddies and pools, as well as widening and deepening culverts.

Instead of building a dam, let's improve the health of the river, limit development and logging, improve fish runs and outdoor recreational opportunities in our community and save the wild salmon. Our children and grandchildren will thank us!

Laurie Kerr

Commenter: Curtis Youngren
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 9/23/2020

Comment

We have seen the destruction that dams have caused to thousands of different rivers throughout the Pacific Northwest. So why in the heck are we building another one? We know the river floods. Every river floods. Let's not build another dam just because it benefits humans while it will harm countless different parts of the ecosystem. Building a dam in 2020 after we have done countless studies on their affects is a terrible idea. Billions of dollars are spent every year to try to combat affects of dams and rebuild habitat that was lost when the dam was built. So how about we don't build this dam and destroy yet another amazing fishery in the state that already has so many declining fisheries.

Commenter: Vicky A Gee
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 9/26/2020

Comment

Any project of this magnitude needs to include recreational access to the water in the impoundment. The project should include a permanent lake, as in other dams in the area. This lake should have fishing and camping access. This would dramatically increase the value of the project to Lewis County residents, and tourism in general.

Commenter: Karen Messmer
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 9/29/2020

Comment

The impacts on fish and wildlife as well as natural plant environments is too extreme to warrant this dam. The construction impacts are portrayed as temporary but the impacts will be long lasting and could permanently decimate fish populations. These populations are already stressed and cannot stand more negative pressure. Impacts during construction could ruin fish runs and therefore have serious negative impacts on the livelihood of fish industry people.

Building a dam that will have significant negative impacts on wildlife and people is a wrongheaded approach to trying to prevent negative consequences such as a flood. We should respect nature and live with the periodic flooding. As it turns out, farmers need that flooding to restore their soil.

The total cost of the dam and ongoing maintenance should be instead spent on helping people move out of the flood zone or make their buildings resilient to flooding. New construction should only happen in a flood prone zone if it can be resilient to flooding. Funds could also be spent preparing space outside the flood zone for people to live and work. Make a community where people can securing live without threat of flooding.

This impact statement should analyze the potential for more extensive flooding which will likely come from climate change. Even with the dam, we could have flooding anyway. The dam cannot prevent all flooding.

And looking to the future, someone in future generations will need to deal with an aging dam. Building in flood prone space below that dam is a short term proposition that hands a big mortgage to future generations.

Loo at real alternatives that prevent people from being impacted by floods. I cannot image those would be more expensive or more dangerous to our fish and wildlife and ecosystem.

Commenter: Jamie Lund
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 10/12/2020

Comment

I believe the investment in infrastructure to thoughtfully manage waterflows is the right and sensible thing to do.

I think that resource use and even habitat issues are better handled with a floodwater control device like the dam. Silting, pollution and other impacts of flood events are net negatives which can be mitigated with better infrastructure to manage flows.

I think that the hyper-emphasis on leaving all habitat unchanged is overly idealistic. Habitat changes all the time from one thing to another. Certainly, I would share the general concerns about allowing human activity to destroy and permanently damage habitat. This action of retention has a very small actual footprint, must be weighed against the damage to habitat of flooding events, and must not pretend that changing a region of natural habitat from one thing (forest) to another (periodic waterways) simply changes the kind of habitat which is not automatically a "bad thing."

I'm puzzled that earlier studies showing that water temperature necessary for fish habitat is kept lower when a dam is in use, so I wonder how the science changed or what other factors allowed a different conclusion. Is it a matter of extremely slight changes? Are there mitigations which were assumed in one study but not the current one?

Anyway, I think naysayers can always find reasons not to act, and they should not be allowed to assume worst case scenarios, not assume that the precise status quo is utopia, and not assume that human endeavors are intrinsically bad. Good human management inevitably improves natural resources by fighting the damage done by entropy to even habitat.

From: [OnBoard Tours](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 6:14:04 PM

I do not support the Proposed Action- Flood Retention Facility, also known as Chehalis Dam. I support No Action Alternative, no permit.

According to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, the proposed project would:

- Cause significant adverse environmental impacts in the upstream areas of the Chehalis Basin to fish and wildlife species and habitat, water quality and temperature, wetlands, recreation, land use, air quality and greenhouse gases.
- Negatively impact tribal and cultural resources.
- Have a high adverse impact on salmon and steelhead, and Southern Resident killer whales, due to the loss of fish.
- Proposed mitigation measures for the environmental impacts of this project may not be “technically feasible or economically practicable”.

The proposed dam and temporary reservoir would drown 6 miles of critical salmon and steelhead habitat.

The proposed dam will not fully address heavy flooding in the Chehalis Basin and it will not protect all basin communities from all flooding. It aims to reduce the peak flood elevation in the cities of Centralia and Chehalis during a major flood, and shorten the closure time of I-5. The majority of major flooding issues in the Chehalis Basin are not due to storms, but rather due to habitat loss. 150 years of human development - including destructive logging practices, farming operations, and flood control measures have severely altered the habitat, and dramatically diminished the basin’s ability to mitigate major flood events and maintain vibrant salmon populations.

A real solution that solves flooding and restores salmon habitat at the same time involves river restoration, culvert removal, reconnecting the river to its floodplain, and smart development - permeable surfaces, voluntary buy-outs, conservation easements, and sensible measures to move people out of harm’s way.

Photogrammetry studies show that the Southern Residents are experiencing a decline in body condition between October and May. Data from sightings, acoustic recordings, satellite tagging, and prey and fecal samples show that Southern Residents are traveling primarily off the coast during this time and that Chinook salmon continue to be the preferred prey in these waters, underscoring the importance of these coastal runs of salmon.

As stated in the NOAA and WDFW 2018 report, Chehalis River Chinook salmon are a priority for Endangered, Species in the Spotlight Southern Resident killer whales.

Puget Sound and Fraser River salmon stocks are not recovering and are continuing to decline. As evidenced by the summer of 2019, when Southern Resident orcas spent a record low number of days in the Salish Sea and were documented feeding off the coast, they are relying more heavily on coastal salmon runs.

We can not approve a project that has the potential as the DEIS and best available science states to negatively impact priority Chinook salmon stocks, and numerous negative

environmental, tribal, and cultural impacts.

Sincerely,
Caroline Armon
Marine Ecology Educator
Field Research

From: [James McNelly Jr.](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project public meeting
Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 8:52:20 PM

Hi,

I believe that this project is VERY important for the future of Lewis County, its' businesses, citizens, and the I-5 corridor. Flooding has caused millions of dollars in damage and lots of heartache for the residents of the Twin Cities and Lewis County.

I know there are a lot of concerns about fish habitat, etc., but I believe with modern mitigation practices, these concerns can be alleviated.

The dam needs to be built on the Chehalis River. Flood mitigation has been talked about and talked about, but no action has been taken. It is beyond time to take action, before the next flood comes our way and devastates our communities again.

Sincerely,
James McNelly



Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy Note10+.

From: [Patrick Pringle](#)
To: [Brandon Clinton](#); [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] revised Comment on the Chehalis Basin Plan and FRE
Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 11:58:12 AM

Dear Mr. Clinton and others,

Please ignore the previous version of this letter. I had made a minor editing change that was confusing.

Nowhere in that appendix or in the Executive Summary do I see the issues of reduced flood flow caused by the constriction of the river caused by the airport levee system and developments atop pediments constructed in the floodplain. The constrictions reduce the channel width to roughly half there.

What follows are my comments submitted May 26, 2020 about current and future flooding impacts of the airport-levee area constriction—These comments addressed that airport levee area issue:

Hydrologic aspects:

Rivers flood naturally, and humans can mitigate the risks of floods in a variety of ways, commonly causing deleterious secondary effects. The natural (pre-development) Chehalis River floodplain narrows in the vicinity of the Chehalis Airport to about 1.8 km width. In this vicinity, pediments of engineered fill have been constructed atop the natural floodplain for commercial development. The effective valley diameter from the levee to the left bank is 0.9 km, or ½ the width of the natural floodplain there. As a result, the airport levee system and these pediments reduce the storage capacity of the floodplain and reduce the potential discharge capacity at this location by roughly one half.

Table N–1.1 in Appendix N of the Draft EIS shows hydraulic modelling of water surface elevations at various locations. At the south end of the levee system, the modelled results indicate a land surface elevation of 177.2 ft (riverward of levee), whereas the modelled elevation of a major and catastrophic flood at that same location in a “No Action” alternative would be 179.3 and 183.4 ft respectively, and with the proposed FRE are estimate to be 178.0 and 182.5 ft respectively, for a net reduction in stage height estimated at 1.3 and 0.9 ft respectively. The area of the levee system at the Chehalis Airport is 165 hectares or 407 acres. Thus, at this location there is reduced capacity of 407 acre-feet of water per foot of water level because of the levee system.

Discussion:

In my opinion, the impacts of the proposed Chehalis River FRE do not pass a cost-benefit test considering the substantial risk to the environment. Clearly the No Action alternative is not viable owing to the reality of the flood risks, particularly when the potential impacts of climate change and increasing temperatures are factored in, including the reduced flood storage and discharge capacity at the airport. The Local Action Alternative mentions a number of positive steps, including “buy-outs of at-risk properties or structures”, but it mentions nothing about mitigating the problem of the dramatically reduced flood capacity in the vicinity of the Chehalis Airport caused by the development and levee system there.

The only options that would recognize the reality of future floods while being in harmony with sustainable and resilient ecological systems of the Chehalis River basin would include mitigation of the “landslide problem” in the upper reaches of the Chehalis River and moving the Chehalis Airport and associated developments in particular to areas where the natural flood flow the Chehalis would not be significantly impeded. Other at-risk structures or developments may need to be moved, and future floodplain land use should be of a nature that are adaptable to flood risks.

As I said above, I don't see anywhere in the draft NEPA document now online that my comments were addressed. The airport constriction including constructed engineered-fill pediments occupying the floodplain constrict the Chehalis River significantly during flood flow. This constriction creates a nozzle effect and causes hydraulic ponding upstream. Why full speed ahead on fish and habitat threatening dam structure when choke points exist downstream and floodplain policies allow construction that reduces the capacity of the floodplain to convey flow of the river during flood flow?

Patrick Pringle

WA State Licensed Engineering Geologist 

Commenter: Gina Mariano
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 10/14/2020

Comment

Dams have a huge impact on wild chinook salmon and our resident killer whales. We must protect them and think of their needs. Please do not Dam this river- we should be removing dams and restoring our watersheds for generations to come.

Commenter:

Affiliation:

Method of Comment: Web

Date: 10/14/2020

Comment

Please do not dam this river! We depend on the wildlife flourishing.

Commenter: Elizabeth DeWreede
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Email
Date: 10/14/2020

Comment

I have lived on the Chehalis River floodplain in the Independence Valley farming community since 1983. My house has been raised twice, once after the first so-called 100 year flood in 1990 and again after the 2007 flood when water again entered our house. The total cost was about \$40000, well worth it in my opinion. *Getting people out of harm's way has proven time and again to be the most cost-effective way to reduce flood damage. The federal government is shifting towards more reliance on relocating communities most vulnerable to repeated flooding.*

A recent [story](#) in the New York Times states (and I quote)"Using tax dollars to move whole communities out of flood zones, an idea long dismissed as radical, is swiftly becoming policy, marking a new and more disruptive phase of climate change." I support this strategy.

Regarding the specifics of the NEPA EIS these are my concerns:

Specifically relating to Cost and amount of time required to build a dam: I would ask you to please revisit and provide more information about the cost and amount of time required to build a dam. A report I found, published by the University of Oxford, examined 245 large hydropower dams in 65 countries built between 1934 and 2007. It shows that the costs of dam construction were underestimated by 96 percent on average, and that construction times were 44 percent longer than first estimated. Citation: Ansar, A. et al., 2014. "Should we build more large dams? The actual costs of megaproject development." Energy Policy. University of Oxford.

Regarding Impacts to water quality during construction:

Please revisit the impacts to water quality during construction. Specifically, what problems will be caused by stormwater runoff from uncured and new concrete used to construct the dam? 5 years of construction is hardly what I would consider to be temporary, and based on my previous comment about a more realistic timeline it could take much more than 5 years.. The impacts will likely be major. What will happen if the upstream cofferdam is overtopped at the worksite during a high flow event? Will there be fuel or chemical contamination to the river? Will construction equipment become submerged?

And then Regarding Climate Change

When coupled with increased winter precipitation through the rest of the basin, this could in turn lead to an increased potential for winter flooding and landslides in downstream portions of the basin. The headwaters area, largely because of past forest management – was a disaster during the 2007 flood. There were thousands of landslides, which worsened downstream flooding. The document is totally inadequate in describing how climate change will exacerbate intense weather patterns, flows, and flooding regimes. Why does the document state that the dam is expected to impound water, on average, once every 7 years during a major flood? The SEPA addressed this more adequately. Why? We all know that floods will be occurring more frequently. Please revise this section accordingly. Additionally - With warmer temperatures during the winter, wintertime precipitation would shift from snow to rain in the higher elevations of the watershed. This shift could increase winter streamflow and contribute to higher downstream flows and increased flooding potential. Such occurrences could in turn increase slope instability, resulting in increased potential for debris flows, mudflows, and landslides in the steeper portions of the Chehalis Basin. How will these shifts be addressed? Please revise the document accordingly.

The last item I will mention, though I have many more concerns is about the impact to water quality

because of changes in the vegetation community in the reservoir area. Inundation associated with each retention event would essentially result in the resetting of the vegetation communities present in the temporary reservoir area. How will invasive species be controlled? Will riparian areas recover to offer shade for salmon? Please provide more detail on how this area will be managed.

Thank you for your time.

Commenter: Brad
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 10/14/2020

Comment

Hello,

I'm very concerned about the proposed dam's impacts on Chehalis salmonids. Spring chinook salmon are already at elevated risk of extinction and rely on the upper Chehalis-- where the dam is being controlled. The water quality issues the dam would create would be catastrophic for juveniles and incubating fish.

This proposal shows a lack of concern for both salmon and orcas, as well as a lack of forward thinking. There are many ways to mitigate flooding. Many of them can boost the local ecosystem instead of destroy a portion of it.

I am completely opposed to this project. Please come up with flood control systems that are natural and are in line with the EPA and the 21st century.

Brad

Commenter: Craig Zora
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 10/14/2020

Comment

1. There is no Plan B “a no dam alternative. In July, 2020 Governor Inslee weighed-in on the proposed dam and demanded a no-dam option be studied for the final NEPA EIS.
2. The Corps ignored or denied climate change when studying the impacts of the proposed dam. Why?
3. The Corps’ estimated impacts of the proposed dam to orcas and salmon are less than the State SEPA. Why?
4. The proposed location of the dam, the Upper Chehalis River is a last stronghold for Chinook salmon and steelhead. A dam would result in extinction of the spring Chinook run. There is no mitigation for this.
5. Operations of the facility would also significantly decrease habitat for non-salmon fish and impact aquatic plants, even when the dam structure is left open.
6. Nine endangered species and three threatened species may be present in the project area, and could be impacted due to the 485 acres of land that would need to be cleared of trees and other vegetation.
7. During flooding events, which are likely to happen in late fall and winter, about 500 acres of land could be underwater by the temporary reservoir for anywhere from 4-25 days, killing native species including Douglas firs, red alders, big leaf maples and western hemlocks.
8. About 93.65 acres of other waters, including Crim, Rogers, Hull, Big, Lester and Browns Creeks, would also be impacted.
9. Although the affected wetlands would continue to exist in the reservoir footprint, the changes in vegetation communities and their associated functions and values would be permanent.
10. Restricting development and restoring habitat in a floodplain has proven to be the most cost-effective way to reduce flood damage.

Study the no-dam option. Thank you.

Commenter: Albert Kaufman
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 10/16/2020

Comment

Please do not build a new dam. It's time to take dams down, not build new ones. Thank you.

Commenter: Nancy Perron
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Voicemail
Date: 10/12/2020

Comment

My name is Nancy Perron, [REDACTED]. I don't wish to be contacted, though. I am opposed to any damming or redirection of the waterways. Living on the Wishkah River upstream I see the damage that was caused by the flood mitigation that was done by the Chehalis Basin Group efforts to mitigate the damage about 2 miles outside of Aberdeen but the effects have gone right up the valley along the river on the road in the land and the mitigation didn't really solve the problem down below anyway. There are many factors that can't be controlled. I don't think that putting in a dam or diverting water into a basin is really the way to go because of that corresponding damage that can't be fully imagined or anticipated. Nature is pretty darn tricky. We do the best we can. I think we just need to try to do what we can to help those people who are impacted. The water is going to continue to change as the time goes by with the climate change and all of the other things, the structures that we put in. Putting in these giant monuments are not going to solve the problem in the long run. We need to take smaller steps, carefully thought out, and with as little impact as possible on the environment. We are the ones who need to move over, not the land, not the water, not the rivers. We need to move ourselves a little bit. Thank you.

Commenter: Judy Burgeis
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Voicemail
Date: 10/15/2020

Comment

This is Judy Burgeis, spelt B-u-r-g-e-i-s. [REDACTED] and I was wondering if you could send me some information out considering the project that's going on. I live right next to the bridge and I would like to know how that's going to impact my property. Again, Judy Burgess B-u-r-g-e-i-s, [REDACTED] and I'd like a packet of information on how this is going to affect my property next to the Mellen Street bridge. Thank you, bye.

Commenter: Patricia A Holm
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 10/16/2020

Comment

The Dam you are considering building would cause quite a bit of damage to fish. We want to preserve fish and their natural habitat.

It is unclear at this point that the Dam will even do the job you want it too. It is too expensive for this area to support. Dams are no longer considered the right thing to do to solve flooding. There are other solutions. Pursue those.

Thank you for listening.

SECOND Patricia Holm, 10/16/2020

Do not construct the Dam. Look for other options.

It is more important to save fish habitat. This dam will make that impossible.

Besides a dam is too expensive.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Commenter: Dr. Qat Boaterre
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 10/16/2020

Comment

re: Chehalis dam proposal.

NO. JUST NO!

Dams destroy river ecosystems.

We need to remove dams, not build more.

Commenter: Harry
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 10/17/2020

Comment

Hi,

I request that the Army Corps of Engineers reassess the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Chelalis dam.

I am disappointed. I feel that it underestimates the way it would affect salmon and other fish, habitat, and even wildlife. I also do not see any alternatives to the proposed dam, which would not only show citizens like me (1) what the other options might be, and (2) that other options to dam construction by the Army Corps were considered. At this point I am not convinced (1) that the dam should be built, (2) that the EIS is complete and thorough, and (3) that just getting an EIS from the Army Corps of Engineers alone in situations like these is adequate.

Thank you for your work so far, and for your consideration of my thoughts.

Harry

Washington resident

Commenter: Greg Lavin
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 10/17/2020

Comment

Building dams has consistently proven to be an ineffective and ponderous and overwhelmingly expensive "solution" to complex water, wildlife, cultural and environmental questions. Better approaches surely exist...

Commenter: Stephen Bachhuber
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 10/17/2020

Comment

The EIS properly recognizes the significant impacts the Chehalis dam will have on fisheries, wildlife, landslides, water quality and other factors. The EIS severely underestimates nearly all of them, even under steady state conditions, which are unlikely on account of climate change.

The EIS fails to address climate change entirely. Climate change is an intensifier that will super-charge all environmental impacts. The EIS must address this and include the potential for moderate to severe global warming consequences in the analysis.

Finally the EIS does not consider alternatives to the dam. Flood control, for example, is especially well managed with upland land use changes and down stream flood plain reconstruction and protection, at far lower costs.

Please revise the EIS to reflect the reality of our world, our economy, and the evolving climate. As it stands it is unacceptable.

Commenter:

Affiliation:

Method of Comment: Web

Date: 10/17/2020

Comment

This statement lacks in three areas:

1. Omission of climate impacts on salmon
2. No alternatives to the dam were included or assessed
3. Underestimates the impacts on fish, wildlife, increased landslides and water quality

Given that, the statement as is, does not fully address the full environmental impact of potential changes to the Chehalis Basin.

Commenter: Hannah Fullmer
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 10/17/2020

Comment

I am concerned that the Draft EIS on the proposed Chehalis River Dam does not include assessment of climate impacts on salmon, or on the environmental impacts the dam will have on other wildlife and water quality. The Draft EIS should also include alternatives to the dam. Thank you for your time.

Commenter: Jean Brodahl
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 10/19/2020

Comment

I'm writing today to oppose building a flood retention dam on the Chehalis River. This is not a good solution to the problem of flooding in this area, where other, less damaging options are available. We are now more educated about water management and have other solutions for flood mitigation that also preserve the environment. In fact, we are in the era when we are beginning to remove dams, not build new ones.

Instead of a dam, other flood control alternatives should be used, in conjunction with application of the Aquatic Species Restoration Plan, a science-based plan designed to help restore aquatic species habitat and enhance local economies.

The Chehalis River is a significant natural resource, for salmon and other species, as well as for recreation. Building a dam would cause significant and irreversible impact and wouldn't even provide sufficient flood control reduction across the Chehalis Basin.

I support the idea of state funding for a transparent and inclusive process to comprehensively develop a local action alternative to the dam. The local actions alternative should be specific and include detailed actions to address flood damage reduction in communities throughout the Basin. It should also complement the ongoing actions identified in the Aquatic Species Restoration Plan. Such a solution would provide a significant example of flood control that works with nature, preserving the river's rich resources.

Thank you.

Jean Brodahl



member, Great Old Broads for Wilderness

Commenter: Kathryn Johnson
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 10/19/2020

Comment

Please do not dam the Chehalis. The Pacific Northwest already has more than enough dams and produces more electricity than is needed in our region already.

A new dam will hugely affect the lives of the native fish and wildlife in the area - and not in beneficial ways.

Human desires for more money and more power, i.e. influence and control over others, does not outweigh the needs of the animals and plants that live in and around the Chehalis.

Please leave the Chehalis the beautiful and vibrant river system it is and do not dam it.

Commenter: Don Freas
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 10/19/2020

Comment

To my mind the EIS seriously underestimates the impacts of the proposed dam on wildlife, fish, geological effects including landslides and water quality of the drainage. It's notable as well that no proposed alternatives to the dam were included or assessed. And the biggest omission to me involves the climate impacts on salmon.

Commenter: Judy Todd
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 10/19/2020

Comment

I stand solidly with the best science, ecologists, fish experts, and the Tribes and I oppose this 'not a dam' retention solution in its entirety. Get the people and partners to the table, and find another way, for this one is hell bent for disaster for the river, the surrounding riparian habitat, the fish and the people who deserve so much better than this thinly disguised attempt at another financial boost to the bottom line. It is very apparent where the self-interests in this 'solution' lies and it is not in doing what is best.

From: [Linnea Bonacci](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] comments on Chehalis!
Date: Saturday, October 17, 2020 12:12:49 PM

Hello, from reading your information, can you help answer the following?

Why don't I see information on the salmon? What can you determine about the impact of this on Salmon, and fish overall!

What else has been considered – in this day and age, a dam is not the only answer – like a hammer looking for a nail?

What are the alternatives to damaging the environment here?

Respectfully

Linnea Bonacci



From: [Glenn Roger Dorband](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, October 16, 2020 4:34:47 PM

At a time when the state of Oregon is beginning to move on mitigating climate change and the effect on fish and wildlife (pending HCP) a dam on the Chehalis would be a move in the opposite direction.

Roger 


From: [Paul Pickett](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] NEPA Comments on draft EIS
Date: Saturday, October 17, 2020 10:46:55 PM

I would like to offer these written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project.

For background I worked as an environmental engineer at the Department of Ecology from 1988 through 2019. At this job I worked on many projects in the Chehalis basin, including:

- Conducting the scientific study and writing the technical report that resulted in the dissolved oxygen TMDL for the Chehalis River (a report you have cited in the DEIS).
- Reviewing USFWS grants for salmon recovery in the Chehalis basin.
- Serving as technical lead for water quality and hydrology modeling issues as part of the Chehalis Basin Strategy.
- Serving as the technical consistency coordinator for all TMDL studies developed by the Department of Ecology.

I would like to point out several over-arching problems with the draft EIS, which I hope you will correct in the final version:

- The draft EIS should include an alternative for flood hazard reduction without dams or levees. FEMA has many policies and technical support documents on ways to reduce flood damage through raising or flood-proofing buildings, warning systems, transportation improvements, and environmental projects that absorb or redirect flood flows. Specifically I would note FEMA Policy FP-108-024-02 which was recently issued, which “allows for easier inclusion of nature-based solutions into risk-based mitigation projects”. From decades of reading professional articles and attending conferences on engineering and water resources, I’ve noted a national trend to seek alternative methods to mitigate flood damage and avoid large engineering projects which themselves cause environmental impacts. The State of Washington has recently embarked on an initiative for “local options” to reduce flood damage without dams and levees, and this could be the basis of a “flood resilience” alternative.
- The discussion of water quality and TMDLs is deeply flawed and needs to be rewritten with input from specialists on TMDLs and Section 303d of the Clean Water Act. The Chehalis River has TMDLs that have set allocations for temperature and dissolved oxygen. No capacity of additional pollutions has been made available in this TMDL. Therefore it is highly uncertain how the proposed FRE dam would get an allocation for additional impacts. This needs to be discussed accurately and clearly.

I have the following specific detailed comments I’d also like to submit:

- Page 42: “The Chehalis River does not flow through the Airport Levee Improvements Area.” Sometimes it may. The levee encloses the floodplain, which is where the river historically flows.
- Page 48, Section 4.1.2.2.1: “In 2001, Ecology developed and approved a plan to address the high temperature problem in summer and potentially spring and fall (Ecology 2001).” This is a Total Maximum Daily Load, issued by Ecology and approved by EPA under the Clean Water

Act. Include references to the TMDL explicitly. Explore the allocations set for the river and the need for the dam to receive an allocation for temperature. Note that the river has not attained compliance with the standards, which is the purpose of the TMDL.

- Page 49, Section 4.1.2.2.3: same issue as for temperature – a TMDL for DO was established and should be described, along the implications of needing a allocation under the TMDL.
- Page 62: the description of compliance with water quality rules and laws is incorrect. With a temperature TMDL in place, additional impacts would require an allocation.
- Appendix F, page F-1: description of Section 303d is incomplete. TMDLs and the need for allocations should also be described.
- Appendix F, page F-7: description of WAC 173-201A is incomplete. WAC 173-201A-510(5) specifically addressed dams and compliance schedules for them to meet criteria and TMDL requirements.
- Appendix F, page F-12: an additional approval would be compliance with TMDLs under the Clean Water Act and State Clean water laws and regulations.
- Appendix G, Section 5.3.1, page 39: The discussion of TMDLs is incomplete. TMDLs also set allocations for pollutant sources. Federal and State laws, rules, and case law do not allow a new discharge to a stream with a TMDL and allocations that contributes to impairment unless the discharge is covered by an allocation or causes no impairment.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. Please confirm receipt of my comments.

If you have any questions or I can help in any way, don't hesitate to contact me.

Paul Pickett

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From: [Matthew Beaumont](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Sunday, October 25, 2020 6:38:22 PM

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We are going to see the end of salmon and steelhead in my lifetime if we don't take action to preserve their vital habitat. We are the greatest nation with the strongest fighting force in the world. Is 100 year old tech the best we can come up with? Get results focused, smart people into a room and come up with a responsible solution to our energy challenges.

Respectfully,

Matthew R. Beaumont
US Army (Ret.)

Sincerely,
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From: [Karen Bosley](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
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From: [Freya Harris](#)
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From: [Tom Henderson](#)
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From: [Jean Whitesavage](#)
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From: [Lloyd Stradley](#)
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From: [Michael Banks](#)
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From: [Pablo Bobe](#)
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From: [Roxanne Pryhorocki](#)
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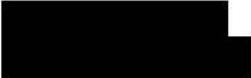
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From: [William Richey](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Saturday, October 24, 2020 10:57:44 AM

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From: [Kristi Honeycutt](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Monday, October 26, 2020 10:47:06 AM

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From: [Shane MILBURN](#)
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From: [Marguerite Boler](#)
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From: [Erinn Carlson](#)
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From: [Brian Wade](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 8:52:53 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Kirk Blaine](#)
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 1:11:37 PM

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From: [GREG HENDERSON](#)
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Everyone agrees that we need to do more to help salmon and decrease the risk of flood damage. But science and common sense tell us that a dam is not the answer. This dam goes too far, costs too much, 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,

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From: [Sean Brady](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2020 3:44:08 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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Michael Aldridge



From: [Joseph P. Paoluccio](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2020 2:46:22 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
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From: [Don Mittelstaedt](#)
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From: [Sean Babcock](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
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From: [Abraam Sant](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
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From: [Tanner Irwin](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2020 11:56:27 AM

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
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From: [Brock Freyer](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
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Sincerely,
Luke Schultz



From: [Paul Bakke](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2020 11:04:28 AM

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The proposed dam on the Chehalis River is a bad, anachronistic idea. Building this dam will cause irreversible harm our wild fish and environment. A century of experience with dams has proven that nobody can "mitigate" their way out of the destruction that they cause to the fish and wildlife habitat. Please address the following negative impacts in the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project Environmental Impact Statement.

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From: [Aaron Maples](#)
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From: [Larry GOLDSMITH](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2020 10:56:45 AM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
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From: [Elden Rosenthal](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2020 10:43:20 AM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2020 10:11:52 AM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
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Commenter: Dr. John Henricksen
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Public Meeting
Date: 10/8/2020

Comment

First Dr. Henricksen Comment

It's interesting to note that the last speaker said there were no nonretention alternatives mentioned. There were basically 61 alternatives mentioned, 59 of which were deemed ineffective. It's also important to note that the NEPA final draft will include mitigation plans of the district final EIS, which is a fresh breath of air. Can't determine a true EIS unless you take into consideration what is going to be done to protect the environment. Thank you.

Second Dr. Henricksen Comment

Excuse me. This is Dr. John Henricksen. One of the things I want to point out about the NEPA report that really upset us about the SEPA, when we received the initial presentation on the SEPA EIS, they did not separate out the effect on aquatic species of the project versus climate change. And they lumped it all together, and it made it look like the project was causing all the damage to the fish when it turns out that over 80 percent of the problem was from climate change. Whereas, the NEPA separated those things out, and it gave us a much more realistic view of actually what it is we have to mitigate. And it also allowed us to look at aquatic species and say, "Maybe we can do some things with this project to cool the water because that's what's going to kill the fish 50, 100 years from now." So there are ways to mitigate that, and that very well will be part of this project. It's important for everyone to understand. Again, I would like to congratulate the Corps on the clarity of their EIS. That's it. Thank you.

Commenter: Brian Stewart
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Public Meeting
Date: 10/8/2020

Comment

Thank you. This is Brian Stewart, Lewis County resident. And I kind of wanted to support the first caller in that I'm really concerned and skeptical that looking at fish and hydrology without looking at climate change or modelling it or giving it any consideration is really going to lead to some serious inadequacies not only in, right, NEPA but sort of the mitigation side too, right. It's not going to be accurate, and so I'm highly concerned about that. And I'd like to, you know -- obviously this isn't a Q&A, but I'd love to know the reasoning behind it, and I'd love for there to be some sort of supplemental, you know, draft that comes out where maybe you answer some of these questions more clearly because at this stage, it's just kind of like -- yeah. I can't even buy into it because without climate change there, I feel like it's a nonstarter. So thank you for your time.

Commenter: Arthur Grantham
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Public Meeting
Date: 10/8/20

Comment

Thank you. My name is Arthur Grantham. I would concur that the alternatives seems to be inadequate to NEPA, and that the proposed project and the smaller-based dam seem to be the same alternative. No action is a valid alternative but the other two seem to be the same alternatives. How are the two alternatives not the same? And, one, it is a scale of the same project and not a true alternative. I can't see how that satisfies NEPA's need for alternatives. Thank you.

Commenter: Dan Vaughn
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Public Meeting
Date: 10/8/2020

Comment

My name is Dan Vaughn, and I'm a resident of the Chehalis Valley. And in 2007 my house flooded. I know a lot about the dynamics of this river, how it floods. And I was really heartened to see the good science that went into the Army Corps of Engineers' NEPA statement, the hard work that went into it, how many different areas they studied, what, you know, works best and any mitigation that, you know, might be -- need to be done for the fish. That was something that I thought was kind of cool. Anyhow, the science was just really outstanding, and I liked how the -- there weren't emotional catch phrases and catch words that were used to pull at the heart strings of people. It just kind of laid it out how it was, and, for that, I thank the Army Corps of Engineers. It's nice to have good science. So that's all I have.

Commenter: Anonymous
Affiliation:
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Date: 10/8/2020

Comment

Hi, I'm just calling in support of the -- of the efforts of the group to have some flood control. There have been a lot of issues, and all of the issues have -- have been proven that there is a need, there is an expense, that occurs every time we have a flood. And we need to protect the people who do flood, and we need to protect the fish. We need to protect the land, and all those efforts have been -- have been carefully thought out and projected to support what -- what we need in this county is to control those damaging floods. The science is there to prove that this is the way to do it. There have been many efforts to try to find answers to all of the problems that we -- that occur, and now the time is right. The questions are there and answered. The people who are working for this have shown that it's really important. So that's what I want people to know is that -- that of all the ways of trying to deal with this issue, the one true way is what's occurring in the effort to build a water storage area when needed. So congratulations to the people who were doing this, and I hope everything is going to work out. Thank you. Good-bye.

Commenter: Paul Pickett
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Public Meeting
Date: 10/14/2020

Comment

My name is Paul Pickett. I live in Thurston County. I'm retired after working for over 30 years on water quality and hydrology modelling at the Department of Ecology. This work includes dissolved oxygen, TMDL. My report is cited in your draft EIS, and I spent almost a decade working on technical support to the Chehalis Basin Strategy. I wanted to note several of your points about the TMDL on Page 48, Sections 4.1 and .2.2.1, and 4.1.2.2.3 refer to the TMDLs, the discussion there is inadequate. With the TMDL in place, any new discharge that affects pollution must get an allocation under the TMDL. This is not discussed, and there is no reference to that process. I'd like to note on Page 42 it says, "The Chehalis River does not flow through the airport levee improvement areas." In reality, sometimes it may. That area is in the floodplain. Historically the river flows there, and if there's a big enough flow there, it will flow there again. Page 62, the description of water quality laws and rules is incorrect. TMDL in place, we'd have to do allocations. There are several references in Appendix F, which are incomplete for the same reasons. They do not talk about TMDLs and the allocation process. In Appendix G there's also an incomplete discussion of TMDLs. I'll provide my comments in writing. And in your presentation, you mention no impact for levee operations, but levees do increase flood elevations upstream. That was shown in the hydrologic modelling. And, again, we need a non-dam flood alternative. That is the only way we can -- that is a true alternative. FEMA provides a toolbox of tools for flood damage, and that should be evaluated in the EIS. Thank you.

Commenter: Elizabeth D.
Affiliation:
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Comment

I've lived on the Chehalis River floodplain in the Independence Valley farming community since 1983 . My house has been raised twice, once after the first so-called 100-year flood in 1990 and again after the 2007 flood. The total cost was about 43 -- \$40,000. Well worth it, in my opinion. I believe that getting people out of harm's way has proven time and again to be the most cost effective way to reduce flood damage. Federal government is shifting towards more reliance on relocating communities most vulnerable to repeated flooding. I can cite a recent story in the New York Times to this effect, but I will include that in my written comments. Regarding the specifics of the NEPA EIS, these are my concerns: Specifically relating to cost and amount of time required to build the dam, I would ask you to please revisit and provide more information about the cost and the amount of time required to build the dam. A report I found published by the University of Oxford examined 245 large hydro powered dams in 65 countries built 34 -- 1934 and 2007. This showed that the costs of dam construction were under estimated by 96 percent on average and that construction times were 44 percent longer than first estimated. I will include the citation in my written comment. Regarding impacts of water quality during construction: Please revisit the impacts to water quality during construction, specifically what problems will be caused by stormwater runoff from uncured new concrete used to construct the dam. Five years of construction is hardly what I would consider to be temporary. Based on my previous comment about a more realistic timeline, it could take much more than five years. The impacts would likely be major. What will happen if the upstream cofferdam is overtopped in the worksite during that high flow event? Will there be fuel or chemical contamination to the river? Will construction equipment be submerged? I will submit the rest of my comments via email. Thank you.

Commenter: Arthur Grantham
Affiliation:
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Comment

Thank you. My name is Arthur Grantham, and in reviewing the 40 CFR Paragraph 1502, which is talking about alternatives, I noticed that there was a determination by the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of Interior, in which they determined that an alternative must not be substantially similar in design and effects to an alternative that is already analyzed. And I would ask how the FRE, the extended dam, and the FRO, the smaller dam, are not similar in their design and effects. Also I could not find anything about the ownership of the dam, and the Corps goes on for some time talking about the responsibility and liabilities of dam. And so who would be the owner of the dam? Is it federal? Is it state? Or is it local? And, as a matter of process, the Webex, the way you have it set up, you can't see who, other than yourself, is an attendee. And also, if you go to the chat and you were to try and make a comment, those comments are only to the host, the presenter -- the host and presenter or the panelists. It doesn't allow a public meeting in the sense of when you publicly testify others who are in attendance can hear it. Thank you very much.

Commenter: Dan P.
Affiliation:
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Comment

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This proposal is an antiquated answer to a situation that has been exacerbated by a century of detrimental industrial practices and poor urban planning. This proposal shows a total lack of respect shown to the river we hold so dear. This river has a need to flow and at times run over its banks to replenish this fertile valley. This cycle sustains the numerous species that the river itself hosts and the many in the basin that surround it. Our ancestors knew and understood this and found a way of life that allowed the river, the basin, and our communities to thrive. Our life ways are inextricably linked to this river and the surrounding basin. This proposal threatens this by proposing to destroy a sacred site that is vital to the quintessential narrative of [Native American name. Please see note above.]. In this day and age with so many advanced sciences, with so many smart people around that we could call on for help, I believe that our leadership can find a better solution, a solution that allows for this river, the wildlife that are sustained by it and around it, and our communities to thrive and be well together.

Commenter: David Lynn
Affiliation:
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Date: 10/14/2020

Comment

Hi. Good afternoon. This is David Lynn, and this seems like Groundhog Day. We just went through this. I guess that was the SEPA back in May. But, in any event, the proposed dam is an incredibly bad idea. The tribes, the governor, and the majority of the population are all opposed to this project. And as reported by KUOW NPR, Inslee told two state agencies planning and dam on the biggest river in Southwest Washington to suspend their work until January. He ordered them to use the resulting savings and plan for non dam options to reduce flooding. Like a bad penny, this thing just keeps coming back. This is so typical of the hubris and arrogance of humans, create a problem like building in a floodplain and then try to fix it by creating another problem, a huge environmental devastation. The answer is to fix the original problem and move out of the floodplain. There's no reason that we should accept the financial and environmental costs of this because of the mistakes of a few. I'm strongly opposed to this proposal to build a dam and create the disaster described in the DEIS. The claimed benefits of building this dam are palling in comparison to the devastating impact it would have on fish, wildlife, and the environment. To build this dam would be completely irresponsible. Let's acknowledge that this dam would have negative impacts on water quality. It would degrade fish and wildlife habitat -- wildlife habitat and destroy 600 acres of trees and vegetation. It would negatively affect wetlands and increase development. It would worsen air quality and increase congestion. These impacts are simply unacceptable. Building a dam would only be a partial and short-term answer to the flooding, and it will create additional problems such as encouraging even more development. It will require even more, quote, solutions down the road. We should have learned from past mistakes where our solutions to a problem only create new problems requiring more solutions in a never-ending cycle. I think the dam -- the project should be abandoned before any more time and money is spent on it. Thank you for your time.

Commenter: William Toms
Affiliation:
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My Amero-colonial name is William Toms, and I am the keeper and steward of nearly 300 acres of beautiful productive floodplain on the banks of [Native American name. Please see note above.]. The basin has been home to my family for nearly 600 generations, and in that time we have witnessed somewhere on the order of 15,000 floods, and we've adapted every time. This EIS has done nothing to show that the project is the least restrictive means of furthering a compelling governmental interest. The inundation and subsequent degradation, not to mention the destruction of sites related to the creation of the world and ongoing spiritual practices, would burden the free exercise of ancestral religions, preventing or severely limiting access for spiritual practitioners. The integrity of sites both known and private used for Native American questing, spiritual bathing, prayer sites, and other ritual use would be adversely affected and become inaccessible. The EIS does not establish the need to burden these specific religious practices, nor does it justify imposing a substantial burden on religion and the freedom exercised thereof. The Corps must, therefore, consider that the approval of such a federal permit is a violation of constitutional protections, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, the Religious Use and Institutionalized Persons Act and the Executive Order 13007, which directs federal agencies to avoid adversely affecting the physical integrity of such sacred sites. The wholesale destruction of religious and spiritual sites that are Chehalis, Cowlitz, and Nisqually people is unconscionable, and in my heart I believe that the proponents of this project were truly unaware of the cultural and religious significance of these sites when they put together this plan. But now that the proponents and the Corps know, to continue moving forward would be an unforgivable attack on the liberties of indigenous people and any citizen of any background that considers the river and the highland landscape a part of their cultural and spiritual heritage. Any plan for protections that does not unify culture with nature is witless, reckless, inadvisable, and unendurable. No dam.

Commenter: Phyllis Farrell
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Public Meeting
Date: 10/14/2020

Comment

This is Phyllis Farrell. I'm a resident of Thurston County, and thank you for the opportunity for calling in to object and oppose the dam proposal and the EIS. The dam is an expensive measure with a low cost-benefit ratio that will not adequately address flooding in the Chehalis Basin and have significant environmental impacts. It's a natural floodplain that's experiencing increasingly frequent floods due to watershed logging and permitting practices that the development that have chosen to build and rebuild in the floodplain. The EIS does not adequately address climate change, and the dam would not control flooding in other tributaries, or proposed airport levees may cause flooding elsewhere. The dam would be expensive and benefit few at the expense of many. It will not generate hydropower, doesn't store water for irrigation, and won't provide any recreation activities. Most importantly, there would be significant adverse effects of fish and wildlife populations and recreation. It would destroy valuable forest and river habitat above the dam. (Inaudible) would destroy downstream fish habitat and jeopardize water quality for downstream community. It would have a negative impact on wild populations of Chinook coho and steelhead and increase greenhouse gas emissions and could significantly impact tribal and cultural resources. Alternatives to a dam should be considered such as implementing better logging and permitting practices, watershed restoration practice, and relocation of development in the floodplain. And, additionally, I'm concerned about the impacts of construction of the dam that would be caused by clearing all the vegetation, how erosion, turbidity, and sediment could be avoided during construction, and also concerns about the river has not yet obtained compliance with water quality standards established in 2001. A dam would only worsen those river temperature problems. Thank you for allowing me to participate.

Commenter: Cecilia B.
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Public Meeting
Date: 10/14/2020

Comment

The farm I live on has a long stretch of riverfront along the Chehalis River. I'm very concerned about this proposed project and oppose it. Not too many years ago, fishermen came to me for permission to fish for steelhead along the banks of my property. Now the situation is so dire that the fishing for steelhead is -- on the river is closed. This project proposes horrific destruction in order to do construction of this dam, and destruction of the spawning area upstream can only make the steelhead situation more dire. Since I live downstream, any construction in the floodway upstream of me in the areas of the Chehalis and Centralia affect me directly. Yes, I lived through the flood of 2007, and I'd rather do that again than see all of the destruction that this proposed project would cause. I would like to know what kind of assurances there will be that the continued construction within the floodway/floodplain around the cities will be monitored and controlled. The proposed dam supposedly can be extended so that if it doesn't flood proof those cities, they'll just build it higher, and we'll have a horrible vicious cycle of flood, build more, more millions of dollars wasted, and it would be all for nothing, much to the detriment of the entire river and its wonderful salmon and steelhead. Thank you for trying to let us do this virtually. That's it. Thank you.

Commenter: Anonymous
Affiliation:
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Date: 10/14/2020

Comment

All right. I am going to obviously be somewhat of a lone speaker in the darkness. I am a resident of Lewis County, and I've been a public official in Lewis County and have lived through and worked in any number of floods that have occurred in Lewis County (inaudible). The flood of 2007 caused \$900 million worth of damage to the corridor. I heard this evening many people talking about why don't the people that built in the floodplain just leave the floodplain so it can return to its natural state. We didn't build this generation. People have been settling in the state of Washington since the 1840s, been 177 years. To remove the buildings that we have in the floodplain would cost trillions of dollars. If this -- the biggest problem that we have is actually the railroad that comes through and the I-5 corridor, both of which act as big dams from our levees that contribute to the flood, and they drew the population in here. We have recognized that we need to get this down enough to where we can't cause any further damage. We've been working on mitigating against building in the plain field (inaudible.) We can't undo what's already been done. I'll be submitting separate comments on this in writing, but one needs to look at why we look at the dam and also look at the fact that we have been participating in aquatic species restoration to a great extent and have accomplished quite a bit and will continue (inaudible.) Thank you very much.

Commenter: Cat F.
Affiliation:
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Date: 10/14/2020

Comment

Decades of development in the floodplains of the Chehalis River and long-term logging in the upper watershed coupled with climate change is exacerbating major flooding resulting in impacts to communities, farms, and even to Interstate 5, a major north-south transportation corridor. This dam would severely threaten the Chehalis River ecosystem and degrade critical fish and wildlife habitat while not effectively controlling flooding. Flooding creates significant impacts for residents, towns, agricultural, and transportation, but the current and future problems from floods in the Chehalis Basin are a result of many decades of human building, land management, and transportation problems. Two of the largest floods in the basin's history occurred in 2007 and 2009 reigniting the need for holistic ways to reduce flood risks. Climate change will result in more frequent and intense flooding events and larger flood damage if immediate and sweeping actions are not taken. Based on the modelling in the draft EIS, the number of structures inundated during major flooding and catastrophic flood events by 2080 will remain incredibly high even with the dam. And with an expected price tag of about one billion, this proposed dam on the Chehalis River will be a huge burden on taxpayers and deliver only minimal benefits to a small portion of the basin in return. Other places across the country have shown that flood control, habitat creation, and community amenities can be integrated into the same projects and program, a good use of taxpayer dollars. We need new solutions that don't force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife, and public safety. Based on the draft EIS, it is clear that the dam, if it were to be built, would push the Chehalis River spring Chinook population to the brink of extinction and would further decimate the basin's struggling steelhead population. In addition, hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands would be destroyed. Let's instead work to create common sense, fiscally sound solutions that can meet the twin challenges of flood control and restoration. Thank you.

Commenter: Rebecca A Lexa
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 10/26/2020

Comment

I am writing to say that I oppose ANY dams on the Chehalis River. It is one of our last large undammed rivers, and to put dams on it would destroy its ecological quality. Instead of destroying riparian and aquatic habitat in the Chehalis by putting a dam on it, we need to be working to restore those habitats.

Thank you,

Rebecca Lexa, M.A."

Commenter: Thomas E. Baker
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/3/2020

Comment

Have we learned nothing about the devastation dams cause to anadromous fish? No more dams! Dams kill fish: the studies are done and the facts are in place. This is an open and flowing river; leave it alone! Enough is enough. There are other ways to protect the valley without ruining the river and the fish.

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Commenter: Nichole Rose
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/5/2020

Comment

"To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

RE: Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)

I am writing to provide my input on the Federal (NEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and Coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish. Furthermore, the lack of climate change modeling in the NEPA DEIS, coupled with the lack of alternatives offered in the document, suggests the Corps and federal partners have not done enough in the NEPA DEIS to gain my support since the release of the SEPA DEIS.

Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between 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. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.

While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support the ongoing collaborative efforts of the Chehalis Basin Board, Tribes, and other stakeholders in developing an alternative strategy that supports flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains, and habitat.

Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and 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. We need out-of-the box solutions that do not force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife, and people.

Thank you."

Commenter: Rebecca A Jones
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 10/30/2020

Comment

The agency should not receive the DA permit under Section 404 of the CWA and should therefore proceed with the No Action alternative. The preferred alternative is inadequate due to insufficient analysis of the Western Ridged Mussel (*Gonidea angulata*) and the effects the project could have on its populations. As of August 18, 2020, experts on the Western RidgedMussel (hereafter WRM) have submitted an official petition to place this species on the endangered species list. According to the petition, the WRM “meets multiple criteria of an Endangered Species under the U.S. Endangered Species Act” (Blevins, 2020).Therefore, the agency should protect the species, and the investigation completed for the report does not sufficiently determine the possible threats present in either the preferred alternative or the second action alternative. This is based on a sentence in the second paragraph of section 4.5.2.3 which states that “another study identified eight beds of western ridged mussels in the Chehalis Basin, co-occurring with western pearlshell and floaters, but the exact location of the beds was not given.” However, the petition to list the WRM as endangered provides information that shows exactly where observations of the WRM have occurred. These coincide directly with the location of the proposed project activities (Blevins, 2020).

The petition to list the WRM demonstrates the ongoing die-off occurrences of this mussel species across the basin and denotes the current declines in “nearly all known western ridged mussel beds in the basin.” To worsen the gravity of the threat, this population is genetically distinct from other WRM populations and thus offers valuable genetic diversity to the species (Blevins, 2020); the EIS did not acknowledge this factor. The presence of the flood reduction project would worsen mortality of the mussel population since “Declining mussel populations have been linked to drivers such as land-use change, increased sedimentation, altered hydrologic flow regimes, and declines in host-fish species,” according to the results of field work done by Biology and Geography staff at the University of Oregon and Environmental Studies masters student, Laura Johnson (Johnson, 2018). The proposed project involves heavy amounts of three of these four drivers of decline. In addition, the site of the proposed project is upstream of all WRM beds and the airport levee improvements are set to occur directly next to one of the two beds that have not already experienced die-off (Blevins, 2020). The preparers of the EIS appear to have had no knowledge of these bed locations and therefore could not have properly assessed the environmental impact. Based on the fact that experts have recently submitted the WRM to be added to the endangered species list, the change has created new considerations that the current EIS does not address. In addition, as demonstrated here, the EIS did not have full information to properly address the effects the project would have on this species, since it did not include the location of the

mussels in its investigation. This comment has provided information regarding the location of the WRM, which is up to date as of fall of 2019. The information provided by the EIS at the time of the draft is less recent by roughly a year. The same author that the EIS originally cited for WRM bed locations, Emilie Blevins from the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, presented the updated information provided in this comment, which creates a compelling reason to consider the findings.

Blevins, Emilie, et al. The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, 2020, pp. 1–43, *PETITION TO LIST The Western RidgedPetition to List Mussel *Gonidea Angulata* (Lea, 1838) AS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES UNDER THE U.S. ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT*, www.xerces.org/sites/default/files/publications/20-023.pdf.

Johnson, Laura. 2018, *Freshwater Mussel Surveys to Assess Extinction Debt in the South Umpqua Basin, Oregon*, www.nweri.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Johnson_Summer_2018_fieldreport_V2-1.pdf.

Commenter: Chris Thompson
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/11/20

Comment

I am totally opposed to construction of any dam, whatever euphemism you'd like to use to hide the worst of the truth from the public, on the Chehalis. The problem is the development that has been allowed, and should not be allowed to remain and continue unabated in the flood plain. The era of dam building should have been over long since. It is ruinous to fish runs, which are important economically, biologically, culturally, and in spiritual terms for many people. It is a violation against nature, and turns a blind eye to the horrific realities coming our way thanks to human accelerated climate change.

Commenter: Monika Wieland Shields
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/11/2020

Comment

I am writing to oppose the construction of a dam on the Chehalis River.

The Chehalis is the longest free-flowing river in Washington State, with a historically important salmon population that remains one of the largest wild salmon populations in the state. In particular, salmon from the Chehalis River contribute to the Washington Coast stock group, recognized as a priority source of prey for the endangered Southern Resident killer whales. The Pacific Northwest has taken a leadership role in pioneering dam removal as a route to major salmon recovery; building a new dam at this point in time would feel like a major step backwards.

The benefits of the dam, which would only partially resolve flooding concerns, do not outweigh the impacts to the environment through the loss of wetlands and forests, increased greenhouse gasses, and loss of fish and wildlife habitat.

Please leave the Chehalis a free-flowing river to the benefit of wild salmon and whales.

Commenter: Susan Saul
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/14/2020

Comment

I am providing input on the Federal (NEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I have gotten acquainted with the Chehalis River floodplain over the past 6 years by section hiking the Willapa Hills Trail.

I object to the proposed decision to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of coniferous forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and it would degrade critical spawning areas for chinook and coho salmon and steelhead. The Chehalis and Skookumchuck rivers and the lush riparian areas along them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These travel ways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between 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. The DEIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats and does not propose how these impacts could be mitigated. Building and operating the dam and reservoir would also put additional pressures on endangered species like the marbled murrelet and threatened amphibians and other small wildlife -- animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat loss and degradation and climate change.

Many decades of human building, land management decisions, and transportation patterns have created the current and future flooding problems in the Chehalis Basin. Widespread logging in the upper watershed has played a significant role in contributing to the flooding problems.

Climate change-fueled storms are adding to the size of the flooding problem, but the Federal DEIS lacks climate change modeling to forecast changes in rainfall patterns in the Chehalis River basin. It also fails to offer a full range of alternatives. The Final EIS needs to have a credible alternative to the dam.

Although a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support the ongoing collaborative efforts of the Chehalis Basin Board, Tribes, and other stakeholders to develop an alternative strategy that supports flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains, and habitat.

The Final EIS needs to address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity as well as the forecast impacts of climate change. It should develop flood reduction and habitat restoration alternatives 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. the Chehalis Basin Strategy needs to find a different approach to managing flooding in the Chehalis Basin that does not include a dam. The Final EIS needs to take a hard look at the dam proposal, its impacts, and alternatives that reduce flooding while restoring vital habitats and meeting the needs of fish, wildlife, agriculture and local communities.

November 16, 2020

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Brandon Clinton
Project Manager
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RE: Comments on Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project NEPA Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Clinton:

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the *Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project NEPA Environmental Impact Statement*. I reviewed the document and wish to express fervent opposition to it.

Currently, dam removals are gaining traction nationwide. To date, over a dozen dams have been removed nationwide and a half dozen are proposed for removal. The Elwha dam removal in Washington State is a success story and is still ongoing with the recovery of salmon runs, return of riverine habitat, and estuary delta. I am strongly against the construction of the FRE dam, it is indefensible to support such an environmentally destructive and costly project (costs range between \$625 million to \$1 billion).

There are over 1,166 dams in the State of Washington;¹ all the rivers with dams in the Puget Sound, including the Columbia River, have Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed salmonid species. The Chehalis River Basin will join the “ESA club” within 5 to 10 years of a dam being constructed. This is not acceptable and the FRE dam should never be considered as a viable means for reducing flooding. The FRE dam proposal will make a minimal difference to the flooding communities and Interstate 5 (will reduce flooding by 1.5 feet along I-5!) experienced, and it will not prevent a repeat of the 2007 flood.

My concerns for this project are listed below.

Dam Construction Impacts – Temporary Trap and Transport Facility

Temporary picket weirs

¹ From Dept. of Ecology *Inventory of Dams Report 2019*;
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/94016.pdf>

Temporary picket weirs fail when river flows reach 400 cfs and as debris pile up behind the weirs. What are the plans for a picket weir failure when the Chehalis River flows reach 400 cfs or greater? What actions will be taken to prevent fish from migrating upstream when picket weirs fail?

How will adult steelhead, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout and other native fish species migrate downstream past the proposed temporary picket weirs?

What are the costs associated with installing, operating and maintaining picket weirs and fish ladder?

Temperature and Habitat

According to Ecology:² 600-acres of trees within the temporary reservoir will be removed during construction and an additional 247-acres of trees and vegetation will be killed when the reservoir is filled. This will increase water temperatures in the footprint of the temporary reservoir area up to 9°F and decrease dissolved oxygen, causing significant adverse environmental impacts, which cannot be mitigated. These affects will likely occur for miles downstream of the FRE dam as well.

How many adult/juvenile salmonids and other fish species will be killed upstream (and likely downstream) of the dam due to the increased water temperature and decreased dissolved oxygen?

What are the expected reductions in dissolved oxygen of the proposed FRE dam and reservoir?

Turbidity, Total Suspended Solids, and Large Woody Debris

During construction, how will turbidity and total suspended solids be prevented from entering the river?

Turbidity, total suspended solids, landslides, and increased floodwater runoff are related to poor forest practices and lack of adequate riparian zones upstream of the dam site. How will this issue be addressed?

All dams contribute to an increase in turbidity and total suspended solids (the Wynoochee and Skookumchuck dams have had this problem for 20 plus years). How will sedimentation be reduced or eliminated when the FRE dam reservoir is filled and emptied?

As water levels are dropped over the 32-day period, accumulated suspended solids will settle on the reservoir floor upstream of the dam. How will the accumulated suspended solids be removed? What are the costs associated with the maintenance and removal of accumulated suspended solids above the dam site?

² From SEPA DEIS Focus Sheet

Fine sediments remain suspended in the reservoir until full drawdown. This results in turbid waters being released for a longer time frame than would naturally occur after a flood event. How will elevated turbidity and total suspended solids being released from the reservoir affect all life cycles of salmonid species, other native fish species, and aquatic macroinvertebrate species? How will the death of these species be mitigated? Explain in detail.

Coarse sediment and large woody debris would be prevented from flowing downstream when the FRE dam is closed. Overtime, this will result in the Chehalis River becoming sediment and woody debris starved downstream of the dam. This will have dramatic effects on salmonid spawning productivity and other aquatic species productivity. How will trapped coarse sediments and large woody debris be managed behind the FRE dam to prevent lost downstream productivity for salmonid and other aquatic species?

Where are the total maximum daily load requirements associated with the FRE dam when it is closed and releasing trapped flood waters?

Climate Change

The NEPA DEIS does not adequately analyze or model the impacts of climate change to fish, floods and future environmental conditions. Where are the FRE project models for changes to floods and hydrology climate change will have on the environment? NOAA climate models suggest a 50% increase in precipitation/flooding overtime due to a changing climate, such changes will affect the FRE's ability to reduce flooding in the future. NEPA needs to address how climate change will exacerbate future severe weather patterns, flows and flooding regimes.

FRE Dam Fish Passage

When the reservoir is full

When water is flowing down the spillway chute of the FRE dam what is the survival rate of juvenile and adult fish being passed down the spillway chute through the flip bucket and into the plunge pool?

What is adult and juvenile fish survival rates when exiting the dam outlet into the stilling basin as reservoir water is released? How are the survival rates impacted when the stilling basin water is filled with suffocating sediments?

What is the mortality rate associated with adult and juvenile fish stranded in pools above the reservoir as water is released?

Flood Retention Periods

Why is the Grand Mound monitoring gage being used to justify closing the dam instead of the Doty gage? The Grand Mound gage height is affected by flood waters from the

Skookumchuck, South Fork Chehalis and Newaukum Rivers and has nothing to do with measuring the water levels for the Upper Chehalis River. How will the FRE dam prevent flooding occurring on the Skookumchuck, South Fork Chehalis and Newaukum rivers?

The 2009 flood, which flooded I-5, was due to record floods on the Newaukum River system.³ The 1997 flood caused record flooding on the Wynoochee River system.⁴ This river had a dam constructed for flood protection in 1972, yet it did nothing to stop the flooding from the 1997 storm. As mentioned, the FRE dam will do nothing to stop flooding on the Skookumchuck, South Fork Chehalis and Newaukum Rivers if weather systems stall over these drainages and cause record flooding.

What is survival rate of juvenile salmonids stuck in the temporary reservoir for up to 35 days when this occurs during smolt out migration periods?

What is the survival rate of adult kelt steelhead stuck in the temporary reservoir for up to 35 days when this occurs during kelt outmigration periods?

What are the exact details of how fish passage would transition from open outlet conduits to closed conduits and operation of the CHTR facility? Why is this information not being provided by the applicant?

What happens when the Grand Mound gage is forecasted to rise above 38,000 cfs within 48 hours, the FRE dam is closed and the **forecasted flood** never happens? This has the potential to happen every year from November to March.

Shellfish and Macroinvertebrates

Where is the applicants Fish and Aquatic Species and Habitat, Vegetation Management, Riparian Habitat, Wetlands, Large Woody Material Management, and surface Water Quality plans to mitigate impact to freshwater mussels and aquatic macroinvertebrates?

What are the costs associated with the **significant and unavoidable** adverse environmental impacts on freshwater mussels and aquatic macroinvertebrates?

Wildlife Species

Marbled Murrelet

What measures will be taken to protect the federally threatened and state endangered marbled murrelet within the FRE structure site and the Huckleberry Ridge Quarry access roads? What are the alternatives to using the Huckleberry Ridge Quarry? What

³ From National Weather Service; <https://www.weather.gov/safety/flood-states-wa>

⁴ From Seattle Times; <https://archive.seattletimes.com/archive/?date=19970320&slug=2529670>

other quarry sites are available that would not have significant adverse environmental impacts to the marbled murrelet?

Where is the applicants Fish and Aquatic Species and Habitat, Vegetation Management, Riparian Habitat, Wetlands, Large Woody Material Management, and surface Water Quality plans to mitigate impacts to the marbled murrelet and other wildlife habitat at the FRE structure site and associated areas?

What are the costs associated with the **significant and unavoidable** adverse environmental impacts on the marble murrelet and other wildlife habitats?

Amphibians and Reptiles

What measures will be taken at the construction site of the FRE dam and above the FRE dam site to ensure the survival of the Dunn's salamander, Van Dyke's salamander, ensatina, Pacific treefrog, northern red-legged frog, western toad, northwestern salamander, rough-skinned newt, coastal giant salamander, coastal tailed frog, and Columbia torrent salamander?

Airport Levee

What effect will raising the airport levee 4 to 7 feet have on the height of the flood waters for the areas outside the levee?

Salzer Creek is located 1,456 feet north of the northern portion of the airport levee where Airport Rd crosses the creek with a bridge. When the Chehalis River floods, the flood waters back up Salzer Creek causing it to leave its banks. Salzer Creek is one of the locations where Chehalis River flood waters can overtop Interstate 5 (I-5). How much will the proposed increased airport levee height of 4 to 7 feet increase Chehalis River flooding flowing up Salzer Creek? How much and how often will I-5 flood in the location of Salzer Creek due to the airport levee height being increased by 4 to 7 feet?

How much will flooding increase around the entire airport levee due to the proposed height increases of 4 to 7 feet? Where and who will be affected by increased flood waters due to the increased height of the airport levee deflecting the flood waters elsewhere?

What will be the effects of removing 7 acres of wetland flood storage capacity?
What will be the effects of removing 44 acres of wetland buffers?
What will be the combined increased flood effects of these two significant impacts?

FRE Dam

According to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service:⁵

⁵ <https://www.fws.gov/salmonofthewest/dams.htm>

“Dams can block or impede migration and have created deep pools of water that in some cases have inundated important spawning habitat or blocked access to it. Dams also change the character of rivers, creating slow-moving, warm water pools that are ideal for predators of salmon. Low water velocities in large reservoirs also can delay salmon migration and expose fish to high water temperatures and disease.”

The alteration of a river's flow and sediment transport downstream of a dam often cause the greatest sustained environmental impacts. Life in and around a river evolves and is conditioned on the timing and quantities of river flow. Disrupted and altered water flows can be as severe as completely de-watering river reaches and the life they contain. Even subtle changes in the quantity and timing of water flows impact aquatic and riparian life, which can unravel the ecological web of a river system.

Dams also hold back sediments that would naturally replenish downstream ecosystems. When a river is deprived of its sediment load, it seeks to recapture it by eroding the downstream riverbed and banks (which can undermine bridges and other riverbank structures, as well as riparian areas). Riverbeds downstream of dams are typically eroded by several meters within the decade of first closing a dam; the damage can extend for tens or even hundreds of miles below a dam. Another consequence of riverbed incising will be lower groundwater tables along the river. Lower water tables will limit the accessibility of water to plant roots (and to human communities drawing water from wells). Altering the riverbed also reduces habitat for fish that spawn in river bottoms and for aquatic invertebrates.⁶

As mentioned before, there are 1,166 dams obstructing the flow of rivers in Washington and dams are one of the biggest contributors to salmon declines in the state. By slowing and changing natural water flows, dams can lead to an inadequate water supply downstream, raising water temperatures and allowing too much silt to collect. Dams block fish from moving upstream to spawn and can reduce the number of juvenile salmon that successfully migrate to the ocean. Look at the billions of dollars that have been spent on the Columbia River dams to reduce the adverse impacts on fish passage and those measures have not worked. What measures will be used for the FRE dam that will be different from measures currently being used on the Columbia River dams?

The SEPA DEIS report states about the FRE dam:⁷

“A good analogous existing dam would be the Mud Mountain Dam on the White River in western Washington State owned and operated by the US Army Corps of Engineers in a very similar fashion. The Mud Mountain Dam on the White River in western Washington State, owned and operated by the US Army Corps of Engineers, has been operating successfully since the late 1940’s and operates in a very similar fashion. Similar to the proposed FRE dam alternative for Chehalis River, the Mud Mountain dam is a run-of-river type dam which does not typically impound the river flows unless a large flood is forecasted to occur.”

⁶ <https://www.internationalrivers.org/environmental-impacts-of-dams>

⁷ Appendix 1 Attachment A: Project Description Part 2-17, page I-4

American Rivers has a more truthful explanation regarding the Mud Mountain Dams effects to anadromous salmonid species in the White River:⁸

“Mud Mountain Dam was built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for flood control in the 1940s. The dam blocks anadromous fish passage, so a “trap and haul” system was instituted, in which fish are transported around the dam by truck. Buckley Diversion Dam supposed to serve as the trap. However, the poor condition of the dam and its fish collection facilities cause thousands of salmon and steelhead to die each year, especially during pink salmon runs. Those that do make it into the overcrowded fish trap are often exhausted, impaled on rebar, or injured from the cramped holding facilities, which reduces their chances of spawning after release.

The failing system undermines more than \$150 million in taxpayer funds spent each year to restore salmon to rivers and streams around the Puget Sound, including the threatened chinook. Ironically, Buckley’s alleged purpose since it quit diverting water to a hydropower project more than a decade ago is solely to assist the recovery. Instead, routine repairs to Buckley Dam require sharply reduced water releases from the upstream Mud Mountain Dam, drying up 29 miles of river and stranding juvenile fish migrating to Puget Sound. Worst of all, hundreds of thousands of adult salmon are left to die below Buckley Dam before they can spawn. The ongoing saga placed the White River near the top of our American’s Most Endangered Rivers® list in 2014.”

So much for the US Army Corps of Engineers **successfully** operating the Mud Mountain Dam. The Mud Mountain Dam **successfully** contributed to Chinook, steelhead and bull trout becoming federally listed as endangered. If it is such a wonderful dam, salmon species should be thriving and not endangered! Why on earth would one consider the Mud Mountain Dam a good analogy for the FRE dam?

Fish Passage when FRE Dam is Open

In numerous presentations regarding the proposed FRE dam, the public was led to believe the river would be free-flowing through a river-width channel when the dam was open. However, looking at the current plans in Appendix 1 Part 2-17 of the SEPA DEIS, fish will have to navigate **5 concrete box sluices**: four 10-foot-wide and one central sluice 12 foot wide. The sluices are essentially box culverts, not a free-flowing river!

What range of discharges allows for adult and juvenile fish passage through the sluices? With and without sediment in the sluices?

How will fish passage (both adults and juveniles) be preserved when flows exceed acceptable fish passage velocities, but are not high enough to close the dam?

During the dam opening and closing procedures, when the sluices are partially open, high velocity flows up to 140 feet per second will be entering the stilling basin. How will these flows impact adult and juvenile fish passage to the CHTR facility?

⁸ <https://www.americanrivers.org/river/white-river-wa/>

As shown in Figure 2-11 on page 1-20 of Appendix 1 Part 2-17 of the SEPA DEIS, sediment will accumulate against the trash rack following flood regulation operation, forming a 6-foot-high wall of sediment (and debris). How will this wall of sediment impact upstream adult and juvenile fish passage? How and when will it be removed with out harming adult and juvenile fish? How frequently is sediment accumulation like this expected to occur?

As shown in Figure 2-9 on page 1-17 of Appendix 1 Part 2-17 of the SEPA DEIS, will sediment accumulation in the stilling basin effect fish passage into the CHTR facility?

Trap and Hauling

There is clear evidence of negative impacts of trap and hauling programs to salmonids. For example, from the 2017 Fishbio "The Fish Report":⁹

"TH2 [Trap and hauling] programs can also stress adult salmon transported above dams, leading to sometimes very high rates of mortality before the fish even spawn. For example, nearly half (48 percent) of transported adult spring-run salmon died before spawning in a four-year study on Oregon's Willamette River, while a three-year study on transporting stranded adult spring-run Chinook salmon on California's Butte Creek found 100 percent of the fish died before spawning."

Also, from a study on the Cowlitz River, WA:¹⁰

"This study showed that substantial losses can occur to populations of adult steelhead and salmon after release in the upper Cowlitz River Basin. During the course of the study, we found that 18–48 percent of the tagged fish (by species and origin) either remained in Lake Scanewa or fell back downstream of Cowlitz Falls Dam. There is little or no spawning habitat in the reservoir and fish that fallback downstream of the dam cannot move back into the upper Cowlitz River Basin because the dam does not have a fish ladder for upstream passage. Therefore, our findings indicate that about one-fifth to one-half of the transported fish failed to move into the Cowlitz River or Cispus River during the spawning period. Similar losses have been documented in other systems. Naughton and others (2015) reported that average prespawn mortality rates during 2009–14 for female Chinook salmon exceeded 60 percent in Fall Creek and were about 30 percent in the North Fork Middle Fork Willamette River, Oregon, following trap-and-haul transport."

What are the contingency plans if the CHTR facility breaks down while adult salmonids are in the facility? What happens when the fish lift system breaks down or the water upwell and diffuser chambers fail during peak spawning timing for any of the salmonid species? What happens when the holding gallery is full of salmon and the crowder fails to work or pumps fail to distribute water?

⁹ <https://fishbio.com/field-notes/the-fish-report/bumpy-ride-challenges-trapping-hauling-salmon>

¹⁰ <https://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2016/1144/ofr20161144.pdf>

What are the increased mortality rates associated with each salmonid species being anesthetized?

What will be the pre-spawning mortality rates associated with spring/fall Chinook, coho and steelhead trapped and hauled above the FRE dam?

What happens when the water temperature at the CHTR facility is not safe (68 degrees Fahrenheit or higher) for adult salmonids, steelhead, juvenile and resident fish and lamprey?

What happens if the water temperature at the predesignated points of release are not safe (68 degrees Fahrenheit or higher) for adult salmonids, steelhead, juvenile and resident fish and lamprey?

What happens if the water provided via gravity from the reservoir is turbid and full of sediments that suffocate fish?

What are the itemized annual costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the CHTR facility?

FRE Dam Costs

Who will be paying the \$625 million to \$1 billion dollars for the construction of the FRE dam? Who will be paying for the \$628,000 per year operations and maintenance costs for the FRE dam? Why is the public not being told how and who will be paying these costs? Due to the project's scope, where is NEPA's cost-benefit analysis of the project?

Landslides and Mass Wasting

The 2007 storm event recruited wood from landslides and debris torrents in the upper Chehalis Basin and tributaries; since the proposed FRE dam is to be built to prevent flooding from a similar 2007 storm event, how will FRE dam hold back such water and debris? What will be the maintenance costs associated with debris and landslide material removal accumulating behind the dam? Who will pay for this maintenance? How can the costs of building the FRE dam be justified when dam construction will be occurring adjacent to three deep-seated landslides and the fish passage facility is being constructed on an active deep-seated landslide? What measures will be taken to prevent these landslides from continuing during construction and post construction of the FRE dam and fish passage facility?

In the event of a mass wasting and landslide event similar to the 2007 storm event, where will the thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of cubic yards of landslide and flood debris be moved to? What would the exact reservoir debris-handling labor costs be associated with maintaining such a mass wasting event?

What would the exact debris handling/disposal truck hauling costs be associated with maintaining such a mass wasting event? These costs need to be included into the yearly maintenance and operational costs of the FRE dam.

The 2007 storm event created over 1,645 landslides in the Upper Chehalis watershed above the proposed FRE dam site!¹¹ The SEPA DEIS Appendix F Figure F-3 shows only 27 landslides. Where are the remaining 1,618 landslides that occurred in the Chehalis River headwaters during in the 2007 storm event above the dam site? Why are these slides above the dam site and reservoir not mentioned in the report? Where are the graphics depicting these landslides? The slides are also documented in a report conducted by DNR in 2008.

As long as forest practices remain the same, such slides will continue to occur and the FRE dam reservoir will fill with sediments and woody debris causing the dam to become less economically viable and costlier to maintain. In the SEPA DEIS Appendix F page F-10, it states:

“However, in recent years, changes in forest practices to avoid harvesting and road building on unstable ground have improved the management of areas and reduced the potential of landslides (Dubé 2016).”

Contrary to the above statement, current forest practice regulations have done nothing to reduce the risk of landslides from occurring above the FRE dam site. It is business as usual for Weyerhaeuser constructing roads and clearcutting timber stands on excessively steep slopes (but wait, this is not supposed to happen according to the current Forest Practice Rules). As shown in Image 1 on page 16, taken in 2016 of the upper Chehalis watershed; a picture speaks a thousand words. This image needs to be included in the EIS report showing landslide threats from poor forest practices still exist and are considerably worse than in 2007. This image clearly reveals how deficient forest practice regulations are in this area as it shows significant clear-cuts continuing to occur on steep unstable slopes.

According to a report by Washington State Department of Natural Resources:¹²

“Most landslides appeared to have started as debris avalanches and either ended downhill or transformed into debris flows. Many of the deposits created temporary dams in streams that later burst, creating debris torrents or debris flows downstream. Many of the debris torrents and debris flows, once deposited into a main channel, incorporated into the main river flow and, on some of the oblique photos, appear to have formed into hyper concentrated flows.”

The landslides, debris flows, debris torrents and hyper concentrated flows were the result of poor forest practices conducted by Weyerhaeuser in the headwaters of the

¹¹ From the 2008 DNR “Landslide Reconnaissance Following the Storm Event of December 1–3, 2007, in Western Washington” report; https://www.dnr.wa.gov/Publications/ger_ofr2008-5_dec2007_landslides.pdf

¹² https://www.dnr.wa.gov/Publications/ger_ofr2008-5_dec2007_landslides.pdf

Chehalis River. What changes will be required of Weyerhaeuser to protect the forests, tributaries and rivers in the headwaters of the Chehalis?

Could debris flow and debris dam failures upstream of the reservoir result in overtopping of the FRE dam? What are the likelihoods of this event occurring? What safeguards would be put in place to keep the FRE dam overflow spillway from being blocked by debris and log jams?

Earthquakes

Exactly how will the FRE dam be designed to withstand an earthquake of magnitude 6 to 7? What about the overdue magnitude 9.0+ Cascadia subduction zone earthquake? How many people would be impacted in the entire inundation zone of a dam failure from Pe Ell to Aberdeen? Who will be held accountable for dam failure? Who would be responsible for the following costs associated with dam failure, damage and loss to public and private property, loss of life, loss of livestock, damage and loss of public and private infrastructure?

The FRE dam foundation is being designed with future expansion in mind and the DEIS states an earthquake occurring while the FRE dam reservoir is full is very unlikely.¹³ However, the future FRE-FC dam would have a permanent reservoir. This means, when the dam is fully expanded, the likelihood of an earthquake occurring while the reservoir is full is 100%. How will the FRE dam foundation be built to allow the future FRE-FC dam to withstand a major earthquake knowing that failure of FRE-FC dam would result in catastrophic downstream flooding due to the permanent reservoir?

Vegetation

The reservoir footprint area of the FRE dam will require the removal of all riparian vegetation and upland vegetation that provide habitat for wildlife and aquatic organisms. The removal of riparian habitat along the river will cause extreme temperatures for salmonids and other aquatic life, increase erosion & sedimentation, and will cause a loss of nutrients & large woody debris from the system. This is a death sentence for salmonids and other aquatic organisms occupying the reservoir footprint section of the river. How will **significant and unavoidable** adverse environmental impacts on wetlands, wetland buffers, streams, and stream buffers be mitigated?

In Appendix O, page O-64 of the SEPA DEIS, the report states:

*“The plan must include restoration options that provide **no net loss** of ecological functions for the streams and stream buffers impacted by construction and operational activities...”*

¹³ From DEIS Appendix F, table F-1 on page F-iv, in text on pages F-24 and F-26

- *The Applicant must ensure ecological functions are maintained in accordance with Lewis County Shoreline Master Program requirements and ratios. The mitigation will be a minimum of a one-to-one ratio for riparian corridor habitat to ensure **no net loss** of shoreline ecological function.”*

The consequences of removing/killing 847 acres of trees and vegetation will have a **total loss** of ecological functions for the streams and stream buffers. There will be a **net loss** resulting in significant adverse environmental impacts to the riverine ecological functions upstream and downstream of the reservoir. How will **no net loss** be accomplished?

Wetlands

In Appendix O, page O-66 of the SEPA DEIS, the report states:

*“Wetlands and waterbodies would continue to experience **substantial flood risks** under the Local Actions Alternative.”*

This is an incredibly absurd statement! According to the Environmental Protection Agency:¹⁴

*“Wetlands are important features in the landscape that provide numerous beneficial services for people and for fish and wildlife. Some of these services, or functions, include protecting and improving water quality, providing fish and wildlife habitats, **storing floodwaters** and maintaining surface water flow during dry periods.*

*Wetlands function as natural sponges that trap and slowly release surface water, rain, snowmelt, groundwater and **flood waters**. Trees, root mats and other wetland vegetation also slow the speed of **flood waters** and distribute them more slowly over the floodplain. This combined water storage and braking action **lowers flood heights** and reduces erosion.”*

So how exactly would wetlands continue to experience “*substantial flood risks*” when wetlands are integral to floodplains and reduce flood risks by slowing and storing floodwaters?

Tribal

How can the NEPA state the construction and operations of the FRE dam “*Could impact tribal resources*”? The five-year construction process includes inferior trapping and hauling plans that will eliminate an entire run of genetically unique coho,¹⁵ and 60% of

¹⁴ <https://www.epa.gov/wetlands/why-are-wetlands-important>

¹⁵ Genetic information from WDFW 2020 Report, “*Population genetic analysis of Chehalis River watershed coho salmon (Oncorhynchus kisutch)*”; <https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/02132/wdfw02132.pdf>

spring/fall Chinook and winter steelhead (also genetically unique).¹⁶ The operation of the FRE dam results in removing/killing 847 acres of trees and vegetation resulting in a **total loss** of ecological functions for the streams and stream buffers. There will be a **net loss** resulting in significant adverse environmental impacts to the riverine ecological functions upstream and downstream of the reservoir. As mentioned before, this will increase water temperatures in the footprint of the temporary reservoir area up to 9°F and decrease dissolved oxygen, causing significant adverse environmental impacts to all aquatic life living in this section of the river. The FRE dam **will** impact culturally significant tribal resources by causing the demise and extinction of vital salmonid species in the headwaters of the Chehalis River!

Contributing Activities and Cumulative Impacts – Managed Forests

In Appendix 2, page 2-15 of the SEPA DEIS, the report states:

*“In the vicinity of the FRE facility and temporary reservoir and the Chehalis River where significant impacts are anticipated, managed forest practice operations, mainly commercial logging, would continue that are regulated through the Forest Practices Act (Chapter 76.09 RCW). Recent studies show that the current Forest Practices Rules (Title 222 WAC) limiting harvesting activities or improving conditions (i.e., existing forest roads) on unstable landforms **may be effective at reducing mass wasting during large storm events** (Dube 2016). It is anticipated that erosion and sediment delivery impacts on water quality from timber harvest activities would be minimized through the application of Forest Practices Act regulations.”*

These current Forest Practices Rules were in effect when the mass wasting and 1,600 landslides occurred on Weyerhaeuser managed forest lands in the 2007 storm event. How can the above statement, in bold, be made when it is totally false? Looks like these Forest Practice Rules, or lack of enforcing these rules, did nothing to reduce mass wasting and landslides during the 2007 storm event. As shown in Image 2 on page 17, showing the 2007 landslides above the proposed FRE dam.

During the February 9, 1996, flood event the Grand Mound gage reached 74,800 cfs (second highest on record), yet no mass wasting or landslide events occurred above the proposed FRE dam site. In 1996, approximately 95% of the watershed above the proposed FRE dam site was **forested**, thus more protected from landslides compared to the 2007 storm event. This is shown in Image 3 on page 18, showing the Upper Chehalis Watershed in 1996.

It is business as usual for Weyerhaeuser, the company is currently constructing roads and clearing cutting timber stands on excessively steep and unstable slopes (but what about those Forest Practice Rules?). See Image 2: 2016 Image Upper Chehalis Watershed. As one can see from this image harvesting and road building are

¹⁶ Reduction and loss of runs inferred from returning age classes. Genetic information from WDFW 2017 Report, “Population Genetic Analysis of Chehalis River Watershed Winter Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)”; <https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/01960/wdfw01960.pdf>

continuing on steep and unstable slopes. This image shows the current threat of landslides still exists, and it is even worse than it was in 2007. Where are the Forest Practice Rules, and the enforcement of these rules, to protect the area above the FRE dam site from mass wasting and landslides?

(404) Permit

The US Army Corps of Engineers failed to provide adequate alternatives or address and define mitigation elements to satisfy protocols of the clean water act and therefore does not meet the basic tests required to approve permitting.

NEPA Alternatives

NEPA offers the FRO as an alternative, which is essentially a smaller FRE. This is not a true alternative. Where are the alternatives NEPA is required to provide to the FRE project?

Image 1: 2016 Image of Upper Chehalis Watershed

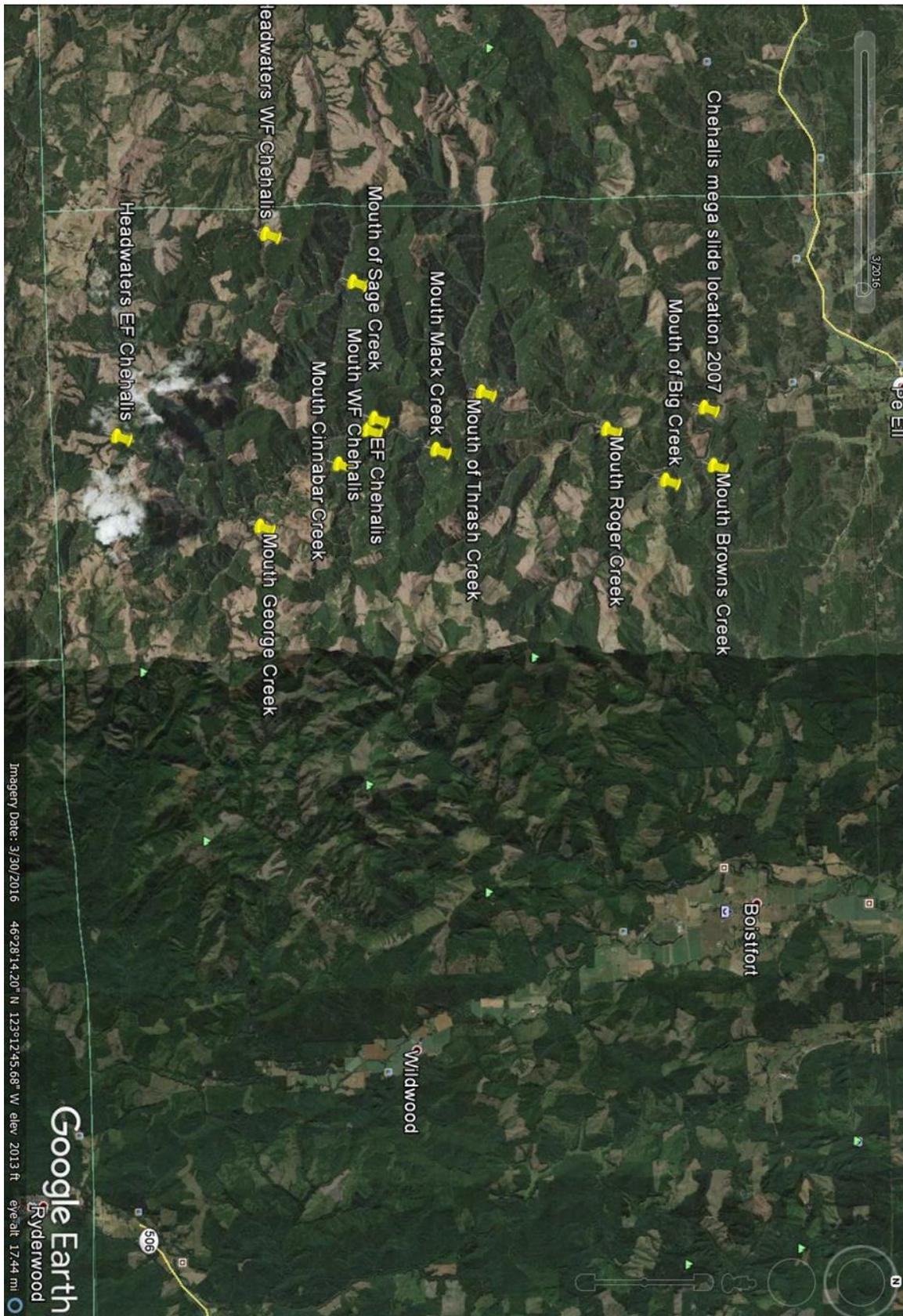


Image 2: 2007 Landslides - All red highlighted areas represent landslides from the 2007 Storm.

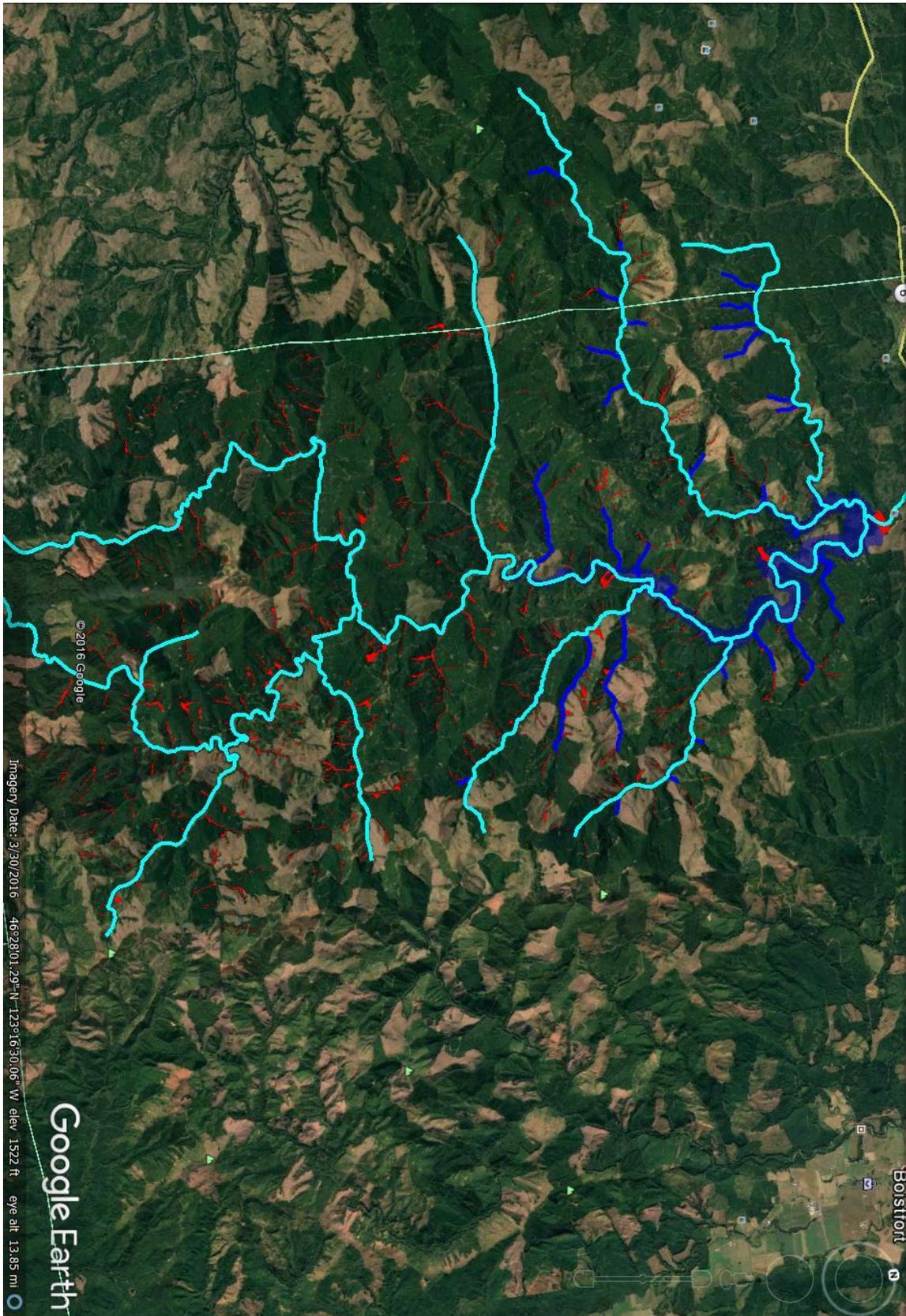


Image 3: 1996 Image of Upper Chehalis Watershed



Alternatives

WAC 197-11-440 states: “(b) Reasonable alternatives shall include actions that could feasibly attain or approximate a proposal's objectives, but at a lower environmental cost or decreased level of environmental degradation.”

Raising I-5

The SEPA DEIS report contains a list of alternatives considered but eliminated which included:

“*Chehalis River Basin I-5 Flood Protection Near Centralia and Chehalis* (WSDOT 2014)

This project would raise and widen I-5 using fill material in areas where the interstate falls below the desired flood protection elevation and widen I-5 from four to six lanes, and also would raise bridges with in the project to above flood elevations.”

The above mentioned WSDOT 2014 report lists *alternative 2 of raising and widening I-5*.¹⁷ The cost of this project was estimated to be \$450-550 million and considered cost prohibitive. How is this project considered cost prohibitive when the FRE dam is expected to cost \$400-600 million with yearly maintenance of \$628,000? Maintaining a raised and widened section of I-5 would not cost an additional \$628,000 a year over current maintenance costs. In fact, a raised and widened I-5 may have lower initial maintenance costs due to the brand-new improvements.

Concerning the alternatives, the SEPA DEIS report states:

“These alternatives were considered but not further analyzed in this EIS because they had higher environmental costs, were not economically feasible, or did not meet the Proposed Project objectives.”

The environmental cost of raising and widening I-5 would be far lower compared to the environmental costs associated with the FRE dam!

Apparently the I-5 widening and raising project **would be** economically feasible as it falls within the same cost range as the construction of the proposed FRE dam, but with added benefits of improved safety and mobility for the interstate travelers.

Raising and widening I-5 **does meet** the *Proposed Project* objectives as it prevents I-5 from flooding! This would include preventing flooding of the interstate from the Skookumchuck, Newaukum and South Fork Chehalis Rivers as well!

¹⁷

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/59de46d2d2b8572392209c3c/t/5c5b619bc830256fe3e8f5db/1549492647061/2014+WSDOT-I-5-Chehalis-Flood-Report_Final.pdf

Currently, on the WSDOT webpage,¹⁸ it lists an upcoming project called, “*I-5 Chamber Way – Stage 2 Project.*” This upcoming project aims to improve mobility and safety along I-5 from Mellen Street to SR 6 and is in the planning stages. This is the same section of I-5 that frequently floods. As was suggested in alternative 2 of the WSDOT 2014 report, why not raise and widen I-5 as part of this upcoming project?

Raising and widening I-5 to prevent flooding needs to be included as a viable alternative for the proposed FRE dam, either as part of the upcoming WSDOT project or as a stand-alone project. WSDOT needs to conduct a detailed scoping level study and cost estimate for the Chamber Way – Stage 2 project which includes widening and raising I-5. This needs to be considered as a viable alternative, especially considering the cost would be similar or less than the proposed FRE dam.

Elevating

Elevating homes and businesses and utilities above floodwater levels

Reconnecting the Floodplain

Replace undersized culverts to prevent flood water backups and allow flood waters to drain quickly.

Allow uninhabited floodplain areas to flood. This slows flood waters, recharges ground water and restores soils for agriculture.

Purchase Flood Prone Properties

Pay fair price to property owners willing to sell their property in the floodplain.

¹⁸ <https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i5/chamber-way/home>

Commenter: Jean Davis
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/15/20

Comment

The Corps should not approve any permit at this time!

1. They failed to satisfy protocols of the Clean Water Act;
2. They failed to offer a cost-benefit analysis;
3. This may impact treaty rights;
4. It will worsen the river's on-going water quality issues;
5. It will NOT solve the flooding problems;
6. It will be an exorbitant cost of between 625 million and one billion dollars.

The Chehalis River is one of Washington's most important salmon and steelhead producers. It's an important food source for southern resident orcas and an important resource for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis and the Quinault Indian Nation. But today, those wild fish are at risk from the same land use practices and climate effects that also make the region vulnerable to catastrophic flooding. Everyone agrees that we need to do more to help salmon and reduce flood risk. However, a dam is not the answer.

Commenter: Madronna Holden, PhD
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/15/20

Comment

The dam would flood and block access to important salmon spawning and rearing grounds, including high quality spawning habitat above and immediately below the dam site and high quality rearing grounds upstream both essential to maintaining stocks of endangered wild salmon.

It will not actually solve flooding problems, only moderately reducing flooding and shortening rather than stopping the necessary closure of I-5 while floodwaters recede.

It will worsen ongoing water quality issues in a river that is one of Washington's most important salmon and steelhead producers, providing an essential food source for southern resident orcas as well as for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis and the Quinault Indian Nation. It's an essential cultural as well as survival resource for these tribes, which they are arguably due by treaty rights, having protected and utilized these salmon territories for thousands of years.

There are no plus sides to this project, since it will not generate hydropower for local communities or water storage for local farmers.

Commenter: Melanie Henry
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/16/2020

Comment

As a Washington state resident, I feel strongly that Washington does not need another dam.

This would be one of the largest dams in Washington State, built solely for flood mitigation, and would impact one of the priority Chinook stocks for Southern Resident orcas.

Flood mitigation can be achieved through smart development and river restoration. Southern Resident orcas, already close to starving, cannot afford to lose another source of prey.

Please do not go forward with the Chehalis River dam.

Commenter: Debbi Fincher
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/16/2020

Comment

Please do not put up another dam, especially when our SRKW need every available salmon to help in their recovery! There are other avenues we intelligent and innovative humans can use to help mitigate for flood waters. A dam is old outdated technology! We are a state that values ingenuity and our iconic species; salmon and orcas. We must find solutions that helps recover these species while we help our fellow Washingtonians. Thanks for looking forward to creative ways to figure out a pathway without putting in yet another dam.

Commenter: Carol Wallace
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/16/2020

Comment

RE: Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)

I am writing to provide my input on the Federal (NEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I DO NOT support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and Coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish. Furthermore, the lack of climate change modeling in the NEPA DEIS, coupled with the lack of alternatives offered in the document, suggests the Corps and federal partners have not done enough in the NEPA DEIS to gain my support since the release of the SEPA DEIS.

Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between 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. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.

While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support the ongoing collaborative efforts of the Chehalis Basin Board, Tribes, and other stakeholders in developing an alternative strategy that supports flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains, and habitat.

Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and 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. We need out-of-the box solutions that do not force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife, and people.

Thank you.

Carol Wallace



Commenter: Lisa McClary
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/16/2020

Comment

Please, no more fans! Washington State does not need another dam! Our salmon need every chance to make it to the sea and back without mechanically engineered fish ladders. I am a Washington native for 55 years, recently relocated to Oregon, but my heart belongs to the natural wonders of the Pacific Northwest.

Commenter: Jessica Cziraky

Affiliation:

Method of Comment: Web

Date: 11/16/2020

Comment

Hello, Washington State does not need another dam, flood mitigation can be achieved through smart development and river restoration, and Southern Resident orcas cannot afford to lose another source of prey!!!!!! Please stop making it harder and harder for our orca population to be restored!!!!!!

Sincerely,

Jessica Cziraky

Commenter: Denise Joines
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/16/2020

Comment

Please find following my comments on the NEPA Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I am completely opposed to your proposal to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. While I appreciate your desire to protect downstream communities from flood events, the negative impacts to naturally-functioning ecosystems, our ability to be resilient to climate change, and wildlife species that are integral to the health of our environment is far too high a price to pay. The US Army Corps of Engineers has done far too little analysis of these impacts as legally required by NEPA to move this project past this initial proposal stage.

It is stunning to see this proposal, projected to cost taxpayers \$1B, in a floodplain where large-acreage undeveloped land is currently for sale, with descriptions like this: "Beautiful 20 acres along the Chehalis River conveniently located just 5 miles from I5. Develop this property for your own private retreat from the city, recreational paradise, campground and so much more!"

https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/0-Twin-Oaks-Rd-Chehalis-WA-98532/2088457131_zpid/

How is this possible? How could the Federal Government be proposing such an irreversibly damaging use of precious taxpayer dollars while local communities fail to develop zoning prohibitions in the floodplain? Even if the proposed dam could pass NEPA muster, If the dam's purpose is to protect private property, then make the private property owners pay for its construction, not taxpayers.

Beyond this egregious misuse of taxpayer funds, the DEIS fails to sufficiently analyze, as required by federal law, the dam's impacts to wildlife and their migratory pathways. There is no substantive discussion on how these disruptions would be mitigated.

While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support the ongoing collaborative efforts of the Chehalis Basin Board, Tribes, and other stakeholders in developing an alternative strategy that supports flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains, and habitat.

Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and 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. We need out-of-the box solutions that do not force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife, and people.

Commenter: Karin Davis
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/16/2020

Comment

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed flood retention facility for the Chehalis River and to support local action alternatives instead. This dam proposal only partially addresses one environmental concern, while creating a whole host of new environmental catastrophes. That is NOT a solution. We need to look for answers that are a win for everyone involved – not create MORE problems, which is exactly what this proposal would do.

We are seeing keystone species like salmon and steelhead being driven to extinction by human activities. Their numbers are already declining even without this dam. So that means we must work even harder to restore the habitat for these crucial species, not put the final nail in their coffin by building this misguided facility! This is our habitat, too. This is OUR ecosystem. And like it or not, we rely on it to sustain us.

We have learned over and over the environmental damage that dams cause to ecosystems. The Chehalis is an undammed river. This is a prime opportunity to learn from our past mistakes. Let's forge a new path towards a future that will allow our children, our grandchildren, the fish, the orcas, and all the others who reside in this ecosystem to HAVE a future. Let's learn how to live in harmony with our environment, not conquer and strangle it. That never works and serves no one in the end.

Take those hundreds of millions of dollars you've proposed for this dam, and use it to employ people to think of smart, sustainable solutions for managing the forests so that they retain soil during heavy rains instead of causing landslides and catastrophic floods. Take those hundreds of millions of dollars and use it to help people relocate out of the flood plain instead of issuing more building permits IN the flood plain so that it somehow justifies the need for a dam. We have created this problem with our ignorance and naivete. It's time to learn from our mistakes. It's time to think outside the box and work WITH nature, not against it.

Go back to the drawing board and come up with a REAL solution that takes the environment and our threatened and endangered species into account, as well as the tribes, fishermen, the orcas, and all the others who would be harmed by its construction.

Commenter: Erin A. Watkins
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/16/2020

Comment

History tells us dams are a short term answer to a long term problem generally viewed with hindsight as expensive mistakes.

Natural and artificial wetlands and flood planes seem to work out in the long run, Dikes can be used in conjunction with planned flood zones to direct damaging flood waters as well as any dam! It is time to change our view on this issue and consider the long term environmental consequence! We all know mitigation is a farce.

Commenter: Christina Cunningham
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/16/2020

Comment

I won't make you read all of the scientific reasons that have already been found and published why the Chehalis Dam is a terrible proposal. I'll make my feelings to the point. No dam. Look at the big environmental picture and make the responsible decision. No dam.

Commenter: Teri Franklin
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/16/2020

Comment

November 16, 2020

Teri J. Franklin
[REDACTED]

Brandon Clinton
Corps EIS Project Manager
United States Army Corps of Engineers and
Anchor QEA
[REDACTED]

Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)

RE: Teri Franklin Comments on NEPA Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project:

Dear Mr. Clinton and Anchor QEA,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this important National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project.

I am writing to object to a flood retention facility being placed on the Chehalis River one mile south of the town of Pe Ell. I stand with the Quinault Tribe and Conservation Northwest on this issue and incorporate their comments as my own feelings toward this venture.

I became involved with the Chehalis Basin Partnership in 2000 when I was approached by members Terry Willis and Lee (Napier) Hansmen. They ask me to join this group because I had just finished an intensive education in Watershed Analysis in 1996 and had expertise they wanted to tap into.

One of the things that always bothered me was that DNR was never at the table for any of these meetings; they should have been there. I went to a meeting to find out why DNR was not participating and to see if I could get a representative sent to the Partnership meetings. I just by chance went to the February 13, 2008 meeting and got to see the DNR presentation on the floods of December 2007 and what had gone wrong with logging practices and slope failures. It was just luck that I had attended that

meeting, because when you are doing watershed analysis, our timber land is a big part of the picture. Some of our logging practices had exasperated the problem.

I worked with the partnership on their steering committee and the water quality committee until sometime in 2009 when the dam funding started to be discussed. One of the last steering committee meetings I attended was in Olympia at Fish and Wildlife, down town by the farmers' market. At this meeting the dam was brought up and the Corp. of Engineers Representative politely told us all, that they were tearing dams out, not giving permits for them. This made me very happy to hear because all the projects we were doing were basically environmental bioengineering projects to protect the fish runs, stop erosion and clean up the water quality. Our funding was mainly for protecting the fisheries. This was an interesting meeting.

There was also a representative from Ecology at that meeting, might have been Gordon White, that stated that Grays Harbor was as built out as much as it should be and that they should now consider tearing out old buildings that need replacing. This had to do with stipulations on funding from the Federal Government for fisheries and protecting our endangered species. I found this very interesting. This subject on funding never came up again in any other conversations, while I was attending meetings or in minutes from meetings that I have read. I quit attending meetings when the legislature gave money to the Chehalis Basin Flood Authority to do a feasibility study for the dam. To me it seemed a huge slap in the face after all the years of volunteering for this group; because for the last 64 years that I know of; the area between Chehalis and Centralia has flooded; and the people of Lewis Counties bad land use choices, filling and building in areas that should have been left as flood plain, were not something I had ever agreed with.

I have stayed involved in other ways. I ask that you show how you plan to:

Incorporate climate science into this plan?

Justify the loss of all this excellent spawning habitat?

Please explain your justification for all the funding that has been spent to save these salmon runs and then turn around and add a dam?

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Teri J. Franklin

Commenter: Jesse Avery
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/17/2020

Comment

I respectfully ask that you please do not build the proposed dam on the Chehalis River. Per your initial review, this dam has the potential to negatively impact the Chinook salmon which use that river system to spawn.

The salmon are a vital food source for the endangered Southern Resident killer whales and a cornerstone of our ecosystem in general. Any unnecessary strain on the salmon in the region could have catastrophic consequences.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Commenter: Maria Mendes
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/17/2020

Comment

After reading the SEPA DEIS Proposed Chehalis River Flood Damage Reduction Project, both the Summary and the full report, I can easily say I am strongly opposed. Reading the Draft NEPA Environmental Impact Statement has not changed my opinion.

The proposal for a flood retention facility, hereafter referred to as a “dam”, only partially meets its purpose of flood control. The dam is activated at specified trigger levels, yet as the Quinault Nation and others have noted, floods have occurred at lesser levels. Further, it does not address potential flooding from all parts of the upper Chehalis Basin, it only covers approximately 66% of the waters that contribute to major flooding. This project is estimated to cost between \$400 million to \$628 million. As a return on investment, a project this costly, which does not fully meet the requirement to control flooding, is just extraordinary wasteful use of limited fiscal resources.

Worse, as originally noted, Construction and operation of the proposed project would have significant impacts on fish, wildlife, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, recreation, earth water, air and wetlands. This includes significant impacts on spring-run and fall-run Chinook salmon, coho salmon, steelhead, lamprey, mountain whitefish, freshwater mussels, amphibians, and macroinvertebrates. The proposed mitigation efforts are simply inadequate to offset the permanent damage. Most of these have not worked well, e.g., recovery of salmon runs in the Columbia River Basin is far from successful. In addition to the stated local impacts, there is also the negative impact on the Southern Resident Killer Whales. Any reduction in the Chinook salmon population will only hasten their probable extinction. The Chehalis River basin is the last undammed river basin in Washington, it and the fish and wildlife it serves should be protected, not destroyed.

Further, there is significant negative impact of the proposed project upon the culture and rights of both the Quinault and Chehalis Tribes. Salmon is central and critical to their cultures, food, and livelihood. Any reduction in salmon runs will have a significant negative impact. There will also be significant negative impact on the 20 plus archeological sites in the area. In addition, the proposed dam is on the actual site of the Chehalis Tribe’s creation story, part of which includes the Creator sending out from this location the various types of salmon on their way. Then there are the Treaty rights which are being ignored. This disregard for the sovereignty of the Quinault and Chehalis Nations is based on the assumption that protecting the culture of the descendants of the settlers, who in the grand scheme of time are recent arrivals, is more important than protecting that of the native people who have inhabited the area from time immemorial. This is the worst aspect of the proposed alternative.

The only alternative that makes sense is the no action option. To propose an alternative that is bad from a fiscal perspective, worse in its negative environmental impacts, and worst in its disregard for Quinault and Chehalis tribes is simply ludicrous.

Commenter: Reina
Affiliation: Whale Scouts
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/17/2020

Comment

I am against human beings building dams for their own sake, not putting in consideration of nature deciding what to do, which is the BALANCE on the earth at this time and place. We know now, that building dams and sacrificing nature and its creatures who have been here way longer than humans have, is selfish, and will come back to hurt us in the long run. I understand the idea of building a dam to avoid floods is what humans come up with, being one myself, but we must listen to and understand the heart of nature as a whole, including humans, as just a part of the whole picture. As a Washingtonian having grown up surrounded by the trees, rain, soil, darkness during the winters and heavenly light during the summer, watching orcas go by on the ferry, and seeing salmon run in the rivers nearby, I strongly disagree in building a new dam along the Chehalis River. There will be a significant impact on the wildlife, especially killing the Chinook salmon, and Southern Resident orcas that rely on the salmon. I believe Washington and Washingtonians, should, and can be the leader in rectifying what mistakes humans have made, destroying nature for years. Don't manage, deal, and fight the flood, in the old rusted way of building a dam. We should make a better choice, by utilizing technology and wisdom to find NEW INNOVATIVE ways to manage the flood. WASHINGTON CAN DO BETTER THAN JUST BUILDING A HARMFUL DAM!!!

Commenter: Catherine Ridley
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/17/2020

Comment

The Chehalis Dam project should not be approved. It will damage salmon habitat and further impact our native Orca's food source. Healthy salmon and salmon habitat are vital to Washington state's economy, people, and wildlife. We should be removing dams, not building new dams.

Commenter: Martin McCallum
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/17/2020

Comment

I sent a letter via USPS on November 16, 2020 to Brandon Clinton (USACE) with a cc letter to Anchor QEA. You should anticipate my letter arriving shortly. In my letter, I express my opposition to a flood retention dam in the upper Chehalis River.

There are alternatives to the dam. I support the development of a comprehensive watershed-wide Flood Resilience Program that combines restoration of ecological functions of the watershed with rebuilding Chehalis River communities to allow them to coexist with floods. These collective alternatives should include buyout of properties in the floodplain, elevating houses, building livestock flood survival pads, and preventing additional floodplain development. The Chehalis River Aquatic Species Restoration Plan (ASRP) offers many recommendations that benefit both fish and flood control including replacement of blocking culverts, introduction of woody debris and engineered log-jams, and reconnecting flood plain migration channels, oxbows, and wetlands.

Thank you.

Commenter: Anonymous
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/17/2020

We do not need another dam to mitigate flooding. We need the Chinook salmon supply and to save the Southern Residents and salmon.

Commenter: Alyssa Plut
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/17/2020

Comment

Please stop this unnecessary destruction of sensitive eco-systems and endangered fish populations. There are so many other ways to go without building more dams, we can THINK our way out of this without needing to cause undo harm to the environment and struggling fish populations.

Thank you,

Alyssa Plut, Seattle

Commenter: Michelle Ryan
Affiliation: Great Old Broads for Wilderness
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/18/2020

Comment

The DEIS which has been drafted is inadequate because it does not sufficiently address issues of the effect of climate change on flooding and the water flow in the Chehalis Basin. Additional work needs to be done before this document can be complete. The document also needs to address the impact of any possible expansion of the FRE. The DEIS should address how the FRE will affect all parts of the Basin and the species that live there. The Chehalis Basin is huge and diverse, and anything like the FRE will have a huge and possibly adverse impact on a big area of land, which contains many kinds of wildlife, including the marbled murrelets. Those species will likely suffer because of the massive change the FRE would bring. Alternatives for forest use that would reduce flooding without the necessity for a dam should be explored. We should also recognize the rights of the Quinault Indian Nation in any decision about this land.

Commenter: Lois Ward

Affiliation:

Method of Comment: Web

Date: 11/18/2020

Comment

I am very opposed to building a "dam" on this river. Regardless of the use of the title "flood control system" it is a DAM and it will affect the flow of the river, the access to spawning grounds for fish and damage the fragile river banks. Please consider alternatives to the prevention of flooding at the freeway that will not affect the entire river. Thanks

Commenter: Debbie Schorzman
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/18/2020

Please don't dam this section of the Chehalis! It is important habitat for salmon and steelhead and other sensitive and endangered aquatic species. The impact will be far reaching.

thanks for listening

Debbie Schorzman

Commenter: Chris Davis
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/18/2020

Comment

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed “flood retention facility” for the Chehalis River and to support local action alternatives instead. This dam proposal only partially addresses one environmental concern, while creating a whole host of new environmental catastrophes. That is NOT a solution. We need to look for answers that are a win for everyone involved, not create MORE problems, which is exactly what this proposal would do.

We are seeing keystone species like salmon and steelhead being driven to extinction by human activities. Their numbers are already declining even without this dam. So that means we must work even harder to restore the habitat for these crucial species, not put the final nail in their coffin by building this misguided facility! This is our habitat, too. This is OUR ecosystem. And like it or not, we rely on it to sustain us.

We have learned over and over the environmental damage that dams cause to ecosystems. The Chehalis is an undammed river. This is a prime opportunity to learn from our past mistakes. Let’s forge a new path towards a future that will allow our children, our grandchildren, the fish, the orcas and all the others who reside in this ecosystem to HAVE a future. Let’s learn how to live in harmony with our environment, not conquer and strangle it. That never works and serves no one in the end.

Take those hundreds of millions of dollars you’ve proposed for this dam, and use it to employ people to think of smart, sustainable solutions for managing the forests so that they retain soil during heavy rains instead of causing landslides and catastrophic floods. Take those hundreds of millions of dollars and use it to help people relocate out of the flood plain instead of issuing more building permits IN the flood plain so that it somehow justifies the need for a dam. We have created this problem with our ignorance and naivete. It’s time to learn from our mistakes. It’s time to think outside the box and work WITH nature, not against it.

Go back to the drawing board and come up with a REAL solution that takes the environment and our threatened and endangered species into account, as well as the tribes, fishermen, the orcas and all the others who would be harmed by its construction.

Thank you,

Chris Davis

Commenter: Anonymous
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/18/2020

Comment

A dam on the Chehalis River would cause severe ecosystem disruption and harm to sensitive salmon runs that cannot be adequately mitigated. It would require a huge investment to construct and more to maintain in perpetuity. That money would be better spent on solutions that relocate imperiled structures from flood prone areas and to restore a natural flood plain that is better able to handle flooding. Maintaining a natural flood plain will benefit ecosystems and imperiled species while reducing or eliminating flood risk and also eliminating long term costs. Also, by relocating structures we can reduce urban sprawl and maintain a healthy agricultural economy in the area. The Chehalis River Basin is no place for a dam.

Commenter: Cecelia Boulais
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/18/2020

Comment

Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. The Corps should not approve any permit at this time.

I live on a farm in the Chehalis River Basin near Oakville, right along the River. For at least three generations, neighbors have come to my land to fish for Coho salmon and steelhead. As the River's water quality and habitat have decreased, the fisherfolk are discouraged--there are so few fish. The proposed FRE/FRO should not be permitted because it does not adequately address the effects it would have on the salmonids. More than 6 miles of the best, least-contaminated spawning and rearing grounds on the River would be destroyed during construction of the proposed FRE/FRO. And after the construction completed, the structure would block access to rearing grounds upstream. The after-effects of the road-building and quarrying necessary for construction are not adequately addressed--insufficient mitigation proposed--in fact, the mitigation elements required to satisfy the Clean Water Act are not defined. Because the mitigation is unknown, the impacts cannot be evaluated.

Fishing the River has been an important social activity for the entire rural community I live in. In addition to the social benefits, the salmon provided a good source of protein for low-income families. Smoked salmon/steelhead was nearly a medium of exchange. Salmon Homecoming is a significant cultural event for the Chehalis and Quinault Indian tribes here. I can tell when the salmon come home because the elders have hung ribbons on the bridge over the River. Tribal members and others earn their living fishing for salmon. The damage to the salmon by the proposed FRE/FRO may infringe on tribal treaty rights. The social damage due to salmon loss is not addressed.

Just as the coho in the River traditionally fed humans, it also fed the endangered southern resident orcas--which are now starving.

The upper stream that would be blocked by the FRE/FRO provides the cold, clear water for the River. By blocking/holding this high quality cooler water, the FRO/FRE would decrease the water quality. The water temperature and turbidity (aftereffect of construction and removal of riverine habitat) below the FRO/FRE would increase, further exacerbating the already bad TMDL situation downstream. Another strike against the salmon.

The proposed FCO/FRE would not truly solve the flooding issues because its location on the upper Chehalis is ABOVE where other large tributaries come into the River. It would only serve a small portion of the upper Chehalis River Basin. The FRO/FRE would not reduce flooding along the tributaries of the

Newaukum, Skookumchuck, South Chehalis, Satsop or Wynoochee Rivers. The FRO/FRE would not be able to handle a large flood. It would not eliminate flooding in Chehalis/Centralia. In a big storm event, the freeway I-5 would still be closed. Here, on my farm, I have experienced flooding, including the big 2007 flood. This proposed FCO/FRE might reduce flooding on my fields, but only a little. I would rather have that 'once in a lifetime 100 year' flood damage than the ongoing damage the FRO/FRE would cause. I can only imagine the damage that would occur if impounded waters were released when other tributaries were already approaching flood level. Scouring of the habitat directly below the structure and a surge for all downstream?

The proposed FCO/FRE has a huge price tag, which we all would have to pay. And the benefits, such as they are, would be directed to a small portion of the Chehalis River Basin. For a project this expensive, \$65M to \$1B, NEPA should provide a cost-benefit analysis and it is missing. Arguably, damming a river may have benefits other than flood mitigation--such as hydropower or irrigation waters. But this project does not offer either of those benefits.

NEPA is required to propose alternatives, but this NEPA fudges. In this comment I have purposely used FRO/FRE because the only "alternative" NEPA offers is only a smaller version of the main proposal! There are real alternatives such as projects to connect floodplains to the River; restoration of wetlands; buyouts/relocations of willing sellers; development guidelines that follow the maxim of "no new rise in the floodplain", enforcement of timber cutting restrictions.

While the issues above may have been touched upon in NEPA, this draft is not as robust as the corresponding SEPA.

Overarching all the issues addressed in this draft, there is one big issue not addressed: CLIMATE CHANGE.

Climate change exists. Climate change trends are known. Those trends NEED to be addressed.

In conclusion, due to inadequate consideration of the issues listed above, the Corps should not approve any permit at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Commenter: Elisabeth Tomere
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Web
Date: 11/18/2020

Comment

I support “no action” alternative. We cannot afford further destruction to our fish and wildlife habitats. The EIS report findings make it clear that damming the river will cause both immediate and long-term environmental damage to the Chehalis River. We must learn to live with floods and find innovative methods to preserve our precious resources while supporting well-planned communities. Thank you,

Elisabeth Tomere

From: [Natalie Ranker](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Saturday, October 31, 2020 12:23:39 PM

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Sincerely,
Natalie Ranker



From: [Cezanne Alexander](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [William CHETWOOD](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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Date: Friday, October 30, 2020 2:36:41 PM

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Sincerely,
Curtis White



From: [Terry Sternberg](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Friday, October 30, 2020 2:18:44 PM

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From: [Lori Peelen](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Friday, October 30, 2020 2:11:20 PM

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From: [Caryn Graves](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Friday, October 30, 2020 2:08:38 PM

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From: [Michael Blumm](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Friday, October 30, 2020 2:00:58 PM

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From: [Peter Baird](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Friday, October 30, 2020 1:51:50 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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Governor Inslee directed there be a study of other alternatives. There needs to be a study of the alternatives.

Sincerely,
Michael Koterba



From: [Brendan Mason](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Friday, October 30, 2020 1:49:21 PM

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From: [Donald J Starkin](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
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From: [Frederick Reimers](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Friday, October 30, 2020 10:13:44 AM

Dear U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,

As an avid steelhead fisherman, I'm writing to oppose the proposed dam on the Chehalis River. The Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project Environmental Impact Statement will impact the ecosystem, and therefore salmon and steelhead in many ways.

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Frederick Reimers



From: [Eric Shoemaker](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Friday, October 30, 2020 9:15:04 AM

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From: [Brian Oliver](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Friday, October 30, 2020 8:17:49 AM

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From: [Debbie Norton](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2020 9:32:00 PM

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From: [Rick Killingsworth](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
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From: [David Kearford](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2020 7:45:16 PM

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From: [Jeremy Harrison](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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At a time when we are now removing dams on many rivers there must certainly be a better alternative to solving flooding impacts that will be better for the environment and less costly in the long run.

Sincerely,
sally kitson



From: [Tim Knecht](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2020 6:17:11 PM

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From: ["Kris N."](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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Sincerely,
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From: [Cindy Putzier](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2020 4:01:48 PM

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From: [Alberto Cuellar](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Sunday, November 1, 2020 7:24:31 AM

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Sincerely,
Alberto Cuellar



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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Sunday, November 1, 2020 5:51:34 PM

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Sincerely,
James Cox



From: [MILES JOHNSON](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Monday, November 2, 2020 9:23:11 AM

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MILES JOHNSON



From: [Bruce Thomson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Monday, November 2, 2020 11:53:26 AM

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Bruce Thomson



From: [Kristen Klooster](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Monday, November 2, 2020 4:55:44 PM

Dear Corps,

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

The river basin is clearly in need of a comprehensive strategy to reduce flood damage and address salmon and steelhead declines. Unfortunately the current dam proposal from the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District will not comprehensively address either problem. Instead, it is an ill-advised attempt to solve deep-seated issues. It could end up costing taxpayers upwards of \$1 billion, while worsening fish populations and further encouraging development in the floodplain.

What the dam WON'T do:

- Prevent flood damage for residents throughout the basin
- Generate hydropower for Lewis County residents
- Supply irrigation water to Chehalis basin farmers
- Create new recreational fishing and boating opportunities

What the dam WILL do:

- Require significant logging and costly ongoing debris removal
- Drown six 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

Everyone agrees that we need to do more to help salmon and decrease the risk of flood damage. But science and common sense tell us that a dam is not the answer. This dam goes too far, costs too much, 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,
Kristen Klooster



From: [Jake Van Noppen](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 5:15:46 AM

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Sincerely,
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From: [Lucas Young](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 7:22:42 AM

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From: [Tennis Terry](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Chehalis Dam
Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 12:04:25 PM

No more fish habitat-destroying dams!
Hasn't the usace figured out already how destructive dams are?
The fact that you CAN build it doesn't mean that you SHOULD build it.
The last thing our state needs is another dam.

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Joel McCune](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 3:11:52 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jonathan Loeffler](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Dylan Good](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [David Berg](#)
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
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PUB-0231-EML-RaquelSosnowski-FORM3(5)

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Raquel Sosnowski](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [john kelly](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rahul Subramanian](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 4:48:44 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ed Jones](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Andrew Halverson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 6:05:32 PM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

I grew up in Olympia and frequently paddle the rapids where the dam would be. Kayaking and being in nature has helped me get through tough times in my life and this stretch of river is one of the few within a short distance of my hometown. It also supports one of the most unique and important ecosystems in the area. I am also about to become a father and would love to share with my daughter this area that has meant so much to me and helped me learn so much. Maybe someday, some of the land might be made more easily available to the public and more people could enjoy it. If a dam is built, none of it will ever happen. As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Laurie Rogers](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 8:34:13 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Josh Goldbach](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 5:06:26 AM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Zack Meuth](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Cynthia Taylor](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 10:47:11 AM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kelly Evans](#)
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From: [Tassyn Miller](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 3:55:14 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

RE: Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)

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Blaine, WA 98230

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Seattle, WA 98144

From: [Lily Henling](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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Lily Henling
T.H.A.N.K.S. - Trail for Health, Art, and Nature for Kids to Seniors



From: [Paul Henling](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 6:03:39 PM

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Seattle, WA 98105

From: [Julie Henling](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 6:35:56 PM

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From: [Lindsey E](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 6:43:36 PM

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From: [Brian Henling](#)
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From: [Julie Tennis](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [Matthew Brouwer](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Thursday, November 5, 2020 7:12:02 AM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kevin Branstetter](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, November 5, 2020 7:26:27 AM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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 Environmental Impact Statement that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a "high direct impact from loss of 6 miles of river no longer open for boating." The analysis also highlights the fact that the project would have "high direct impacts to anadromous salmonids" and particularly on spring-run Chinook at the Chehalis Basin scale. These represent unacceptable impacts that will directly impact my use and enjoyment of the Chehalis River.

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 toward solutions that do not rely on the failed approaches of the last century which we know are bad for fish and bad for the environment.

Sincerely,
Kevin Branstetter

[REDACTED]

From: [Matt Johnson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Thursday, November 5, 2020 8:08:44 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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From: [JOHN SCHMIDT](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Thursday, November 5, 2020 9:39:01 AM

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From: [Daniel Villa](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Thursday, November 5, 2020 11:02:10 AM

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From: [Marlo Mytty](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Thursday, November 5, 2020 2:08:17 PM

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From: [Professor Citko](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Friday, November 6, 2020 2:14:25 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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From: [Nicholas Wagner](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Friday, November 6, 2020 10:10:40 AM

Dear U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,

The proposed dam on the Chehalis River will devastate our wild fish and environment. Please address the following negative impacts in the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project Environmental Impact Statement.

These impacts will:

- Drown six miles of critical salmon and steelhead habitat—effectively decimating one of Washington’s most prolific Spring and Fall Chinook runs, already in decline.
- Worsen the Chehalis River’s existing water quality issues—dams degrade water quality by altering water temperature regimes and dissolved oxygen concentrations, necessary components for aquatic life and the lifecycle needs of wild fish.
- Require significant logging and costly ongoing debris removal further increasing the risk of mud and debris slides into the river.
- Increase the risk of future flood damage—dams often trigger new development in the floodplain that is at risk of future flooding that costs taxpayers millions.

In addition, there is no mention in the EIS of other alternatives that can address the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis basin and these must be included and considered in the environmental review process.

Sincerely,
Nicholas Wagner

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From: [Rory K. Miller](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments from Rory Miller
Date: Friday, November 6, 2020 11:55:51 AM
Attachments: [PastedGraphic-4.png](#)

As we build dams, put in hydro turbines and produce electricity. Fish bypass facilities are appropriate.

Let's not pass a chance to make our energy renewable.

Thanks.

Rory

Rory K. [REDACTED]



From: [Roger Johnson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Chehalis Dam Project
Date: Friday, November 6, 2020 12:10:30 PM

Sent from my iPhone The project should proceed to mitigate flooding problems. With free flow design the impact on fisheries should be minimal.

From: [Kyle MacDonald](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Water retention facility in LC
Date: Friday, November 6, 2020 12:16:42 PM

Hello,

Concerning the water retention facility proposed on the upper Chehalis River; I would be for this project that can reduce flooding in major rainfall events. The research has projected increased large rainfall events in the future with the potential for more flood events.

The last major flood event was devastating to communities from Dryad to Montesano costing millions of dollars. It is unrealistic to think that people will move away from the historic floodplain of the Chehalis River, including the Chehalis Tribe itself whose areas in and around Oakville could be impacted depending on the particular event.

If the impact on spring run salmon is about 2% before mitigation, and no other fish seasonal fish runs are impacted, I would have to say the impact will be none when those projects are completed. I personally have driven by and over millions of dollars of fish passage projects in my limited travels, including the current one near Adna and two up the Pleasant Valley Road. The combination of fish habitat enhancement and the minimal impact of a part time water retention facility would be a win for fish number enthusiasts and a win for those seeking to lower the risk of the catastrophic socioeconomic impact of a major flood. The cost of a part time water retention facility would be less than the cost of another major flood, I believe.

Thank you for listening,

Kyle MacDonald

Resident of Lewis County, Chehalis Zip Code

From: [Charlene slayton](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Friday, November 6, 2020 9:27:33 PM

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[REDACTED]



From: [Molly Henling](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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Date: Friday, November 6, 2020 9:28:44 PM

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From: [Jacquelyn agee](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Saturday, November 7, 2020 11:41:51 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Matthew Fryauf](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, November 9, 2020 9:11:25 AM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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 Environmental Impact Statement that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a "high direct impact from loss of 6 miles of river no longer open for boating." The analysis also highlights the fact that the project would have "high direct impacts to anadromous salmonids" and particularly on spring-run Chinook at the Chehalis Basin scale. These represent unacceptable impacts that will directly impact my use and enjoyment of the Chehalis River.

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 toward solutions that do not rely on the failed approaches of the last century which we know are bad for fish and bad for the environment.

Sincerely,
Matthew Fryauf

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From: [Kristen Endrizzi](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Monday, November 9, 2020 6:26:23 PM

Dear Corps,

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

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Sincerely,

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From: [Kathleen Forman](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Suzanne Scollon](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 10:04:31 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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From: [Anna Brewer](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Jeffery McConaughy](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Robert Oberdorf](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Tracy Ouellette](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 10:07:42 AM

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From: [Dan O'Keefe](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Tim Duda](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 10:20:10 AM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 10:21:02 AM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Denise Day](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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Denise Day




From: [Caroline Sevilla](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 10:29:02 AM

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Karen Mason](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 10:35:25 AM

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From: [Elisabeth Robson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Amy Martin](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 10:45:56 AM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Michael rosen](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 10:56:59 AM

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From: [David Neevel](#)
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From: [Tamara Manning](#)
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From: [Karen Zook](#)
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From: [Rebecca Sellers](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Lisa Halston](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Jeanne Barrett](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Teresa Allen](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Debbie Stempf](#)
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From: [Chase Gunnell](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:13:05 AM

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From: [Russell Frizzell](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Lloyd Hedger](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Anna Fontaine](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Louise Suhr](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Paul Kennard](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:24:09 AM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Harriet Allen](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Bronwen Evans](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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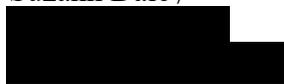
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Thank you,

Suzann Daley



From: [Rob Seltzer](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:46:53 AM

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From: [Phyllis Farrell](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Oppose Chehalis "dam"
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:54:05 AM

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Thank you,

Darvin schild


From: [Drew Hoefler](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:56:34 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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If you cared at all about the river and the ecosystem it supports, a dam would never be considered. Don't damn the river.

Thank you,

Drew Hoefler



From: [Deborah Dahlgren](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:56:49 AM

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[REDACTED]

From: [William Buchan](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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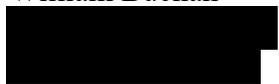
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Let's try watershed reforestation, rather than dam building, as the preferred solution to flood remediation.

Thank you,

William Buchan



From: [Lela Perkins](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:57:45 AM

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Lela Perkins


From: [Chris Sheline](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:59:10 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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From: [Marcia Butchart](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:00:04 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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Marcia Butchart


From: [Nadine LaVonne](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Kathleen Lee](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [Jeffrey Stewart](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:04:22 PM

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From: [J. Rouleau](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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The proposed new dam is unacceptable. Please work with local stakeholders in developing an alternative strategy that supports flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains, and habitat.

Thank you,

J. Rouleau



From: [Michael Dryfoos](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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[REDACTED]

From: [Janis Hadley](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:08:52 PM

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From: [Desiree Kennedy](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:25:28 PM

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From: [Mari Dominguez](#)
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From: [Yvette Goot](#)
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From: [Timothy Randolph](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:40:11 PM

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From: [Marquam Krantz](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [John Corso](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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Thank you,

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From: [Kiefer Law](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Curtis Erecacho](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:58:07 PM

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From: [ROBIN HIRSCH](#)
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From: [Marcus Lanskey](#)
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From: [Janine Moss](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 1:27:31 PM

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From: [Betsy Jewett](#)
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From: [Sue Madison](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Albert Lepage](#)
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From: [Lois Johnston](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 3:53:30 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Emily Copeland](#)
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Toby Farris




From: [Erin Rose](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:26:17 PM

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From: [Linda Gregory](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Meg Park](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [Connie Dunn](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Martha Herrero](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Mike Lyman](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Steve Prince](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Jean Naples](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:51:52 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

RE: Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)

I am writing as a physician and public health advocate who strongly supports full protection for the aquatic ecosystem on the Chehalis River and its endangered wildlife. At this time, I am providing my input on the Federal (NEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project.

It is very important to remember that the Chehalis Basin is home to vibrant communities, productive farms, and wildlife ranging from Roosevelt elk and fishers to black-tailed deer and cougars. The Chehalis and its tributaries are the spawning grounds of some of the only salmon runs in Washington state that remain healthy enough to not be protected under the Endangered Species Act

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Sincerely,
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Manisha Joshi](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Nina Jones](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 4:57:45 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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Thank you,

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From: [Shary B](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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Julie Wittrock



From: [Edward Kane](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Jean Pauley](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 7:34:30 PM

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- Generate hydropower for Lewis County residents
- Supply irrigation water to Chehalis basin farmers
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Sincerely,

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Alison Christensen



From: [Joyce Grajczyk](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 7:53:21 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Anne Van Sweringen](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Robyn Weber](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 8:56:29 PM

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From: [Sybil Kohl](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [elyette weinstein](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Connie Raper](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [Christina Oneal](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Annika Swenson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Evelyn Pietrowski-Ciullo](#)
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From: [Chelsea Douglas](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 10:39:01 PM

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From: [Stellan Davis](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:06:03 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 12:13:04 AM

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From: [Jaimee Cornwell](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Kate Kenner](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Mike Nash](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 7:54:23 AM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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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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 toward solutions that do not rely on the failed approaches of the last century which we know are bad for fish and bad for the environment.

Sincerely,
Mike Nash

[REDACTED]

From: [Kent Clark](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 8:01:48 AM

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From: [Willa Gubner](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 8:07:28 AM

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From: [Kylie Bretzel](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Jessica Lynch](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Nicole Knuebel](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Logan McClish](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [Sandra Butterfield](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 8:44:16 AM

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From: [Nicholas Wojtasik](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Brian Cruikshank](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Hartmut Peters](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [sharon swift](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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Carol Stewart




From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Brett Barton](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 9:21:44 AM

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[REDACTED]

From: [Rachel Pelham](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 9:24:46 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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From: [Lindsay VanSomeren](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 10:08:28 AM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Hilary Neevel](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 10:13:09 AM

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[REDACTED]

From: [Kenton Bass](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 10:25:57 AM

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From: [Seiko Kusachi](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 10:27:26 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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From: [Heather MacPhail](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 10:46:13 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

RE: Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)
HAVE YOU LEARNED NOTHING FROM THE ELWHA DAM REMOVAL PROJECT?!
Dams everywhere are being considered for REMOVAL, for excellent reasons that seem to have escaped the Corps of Engineers.

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From: [Lise Grace](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [Margaret Hoglund](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 11:01:28 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

We need to be removing more dams, not building more. Let rivers be rivers again.
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From: [Kevin Sheneman](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 11:14:49 AM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Benjamin Price](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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[REDACTED]

From: [Paula Lindsay](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [Kenneth Telesco](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Thomas Weber](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 12:07:14 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [KYLE IRBY](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 3:04:44 PM

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Sincerely,
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[REDACTED]

From: [Rae Parks](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 3:12:21 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

RE: Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)

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From: [Anne Harrington](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 3:26:34 PM

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From: [Joe Talbert](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Mary Stahl](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Dennis Gunnell](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 3:49:11 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [David Focardi](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 3:50:08 PM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

Hi Brandon, I appreciate the hard and excellent work the Army Corps of Engineers has done throughout our great country. The Corps has used state of the art Science and Engineering to provide amazing benefits for society for many decades. That level of best practices has most likely changed as new data comes in. In this case, reevaluating the project for maximum benefit would be a great opportunity to see if this project is really worth the tax dollars that would be spent.

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Sincerely,
David Focardi

[REDACTED]

From: [Lise Hull](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 4:55:11 PM

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From: [Alexandra Loeb](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [Darryl Gunderson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Charles Albright](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 5:14:21 PM

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I have paddled the Chehalis River in the past and do NOT WISH to see that drainage further damage. So do not build this dam

Sincerely,
Charles Albright

[REDACTED]

From: [Paul Moinester](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 5:27:54 PM

Dear US Army Corps of Engineers Chehalis NEPA Process,

I am writing to provide my input on the Federal (NEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support 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. Furthermore, the lack of climate change modeling in the NEPA DEIS, coupled with the lack of alternatives offered in the document suggests the Corps and federal partners have not conducted a sufficient environmental review with the NEPA DEIS.

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 does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and could end up costing taxpayers upwards of \$628 million.

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 wild steelhead, Chinook, and coho salmon, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy, cultural heritage, and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, all of which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin.

Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement's shortcomings pose several notable problems:

- The DEIS fails to appropriately model for climate change, meaning the review underestimates the impacts on wild fish and what future environmental conditions will be.
- The DEIS fails to provide a cost-benefit analysis, which should have been included due to the project's scope.
- The DEIS fails to provide adequate alternatives or address and define mitigation elements to satisfy protocols of the Clean Water Act.

Given these deficiencies with the DEIS and the numerous additional problems with the proposed dam outlined above, I encourage the Army Corps to address these shortcomings and complete a more comprehensive analysis of this project. Furthermore, I encourage the Army Corps to work with state officials to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery.

Thank you for your work and for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,
Paul Moinester



From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Lance Bailey](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 5:28:22 PM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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Tom Rarey




From: [Tom Rarey](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 5:58:22 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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[REDACTED]

From: [Gregory Fitz](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 6:17:44 PM

Dear US Army Corps of Engineers Chehalis NEPA Process,

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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 does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and could end up costing taxpayers upwards of \$628 million.

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 wild steelhead, Chinook, and coho salmon, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy, cultural heritage, and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, all of which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin.

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- The DEIS fails to provide a cost-benefit analysis, which should have been included due to the project's scope.
- The DEIS fails to provide adequate alternatives or address and define mitigation elements to satisfy protocols of the Clean Water Act.

Given these deficiencies with the DEIS and the numerous additional problems with the proposed dam outlined above, I encourage the Army Corps to address these shortcomings and complete a more comprehensive analysis of this project. Furthermore, I encourage the Army Corps to work with state officials to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery.

Thank you for your work and for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,
Gregory Fitz



From: [Madrone Ruggiero](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 6:26:15 PM

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From: [Elsie Lamb](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 6:42:56 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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From: edward_maloney
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Amy Sutter](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 6:59:29 PM

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From: [Cathy Allen](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 7:11:31 PM

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From: [Consuelo Velasco](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Leah Collister](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 7:57:28 PM

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From: [Collin Monda](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 8:07:08 PM

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From: [Esther Kronenberg](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [Marga Gili](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Gregory Timm](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 8:32:29 PM

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

Sincerely,
Gregory Timm

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From: [Amanda Koh](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 8:34:43 PM

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From: [Liliana fiorini](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [Wendy Forster](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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Date: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 10:50:47 PM

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From: [Anne Montarou](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 12:24:17 AM

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From: [Kat Sampson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [Pablo Bobe](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [Freya Harris](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [philip.nyland](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 5:30:39 AM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

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In response to recognized impacts, the Governor has indicated concern for the dam proposal and directed state agencies to develop a comprehensive strategy to address both heavy flooding and salmon and steelhead declines. Unfortunately the current dam proposal will not comprehensively address these concerns. I urge you to work with cooperating agencies toward solutions that do not rely on a dam, which we know would be bad for fish, bad for the environment, and impact cultural heritage of Native people.

Sincerely,
philip nyland

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Thomas Bone](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 6:14:17 AM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Rick Schoen](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
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From: [Nelly PRESTAT](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Ashley McBee](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Taylen Howland](#)
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Ashley McBee




From: [Kaden Drysdale](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 7:56:40 AM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Scott Dent](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 8:12:57 AM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

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[REDACTED]

From: [Megan Hill](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 8:13:45 AM

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From: [Carol Brown](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 8:18:50 AM

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From: [pilar blas](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Roxana Moya](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Andrea Tiffany](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Joseph Giglio](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 9:35:11 AM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Brian Behle](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 9:40:28 AM

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From: [David Caplan](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 9:55:32 AM

Dear US Army Corps of Engineers Chehalis NEPA Process,

I am writing to provide my input on the Federal (NEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support 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. Furthermore, the lack of climate change modeling in the NEPA DEIS, coupled with the lack of alternatives offered in the document suggests the Corps and federal partners have not conducted a sufficient environmental review with the NEPA DEIS.

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 does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and could end up costing taxpayers upwards of \$628 million.

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 wild steelhead, Chinook, and coho salmon, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy, cultural heritage, and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, all of which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin.

Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement's shortcomings pose several notable problems:

- The DEIS fails to appropriately model for climate change, meaning the review underestimates the impacts on wild fish and what future environmental conditions will be.
- The DEIS fails to provide a cost-benefit analysis, which should have been included due to the project's scope.
- The DEIS fails to provide adequate alternatives or address and define mitigation elements to satisfy protocols of the Clean Water Act.

Given these deficiencies with the DEIS and the numerous additional problems with the proposed dam outlined above, I encourage the Army Corps to address these shortcomings and complete a more comprehensive analysis of this project. Furthermore, I encourage the Army Corps to work with state officials to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery.

Thank you for your work and for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,
David Caplan



From: [Kathryn Watkins](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 9:59:47 AM

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[REDACTED]



From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Anneka Door](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 10:08:14 AM

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From: [Marcus Schumacher](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 10:09:06 AM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Stewart Wadsworth](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
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Save the Fish Save the World!

Stewart

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From: [Ryan Smith](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 10:19:47 AM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ryan Hagg](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
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From: [Alice Hammer](#)
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Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 10:33:13 AM

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Richard Harrington](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 11:51:54 AM

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From: [Alex Olson](#)
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From: [Dean Davidson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Derek Schroeder](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Eli Ren](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 12:04:55 PM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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 Environmental Impact Statement that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a "high direct impact from loss of 6 miles of river no longer open for boating." The analysis also highlights the fact that the project would have "high direct impacts to anadromous salmonids" and particularly on spring-run Chinook at the Chehalis Basin scale. These represent unacceptable impacts that will directly impact my use and enjoyment of the Chehalis River.

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

Sincerely,
Eli Ren

[REDACTED]

From: [Evan Daley](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
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From: [Jarad Skeels](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Joseph Welch](#)
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
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From: [Sherie Patano](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 12:13:21 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

RE: Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)

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From: [Jim Gibson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
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From: [Caleb Rawson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
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From: [William Nusbaum](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 12:26:05 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Kaylee Andrews](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Caryn Graves](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 1:12:29 PM

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From: [Susan Crampton](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 1:15:38 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

RE: Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)

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From: [Brian Hom](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 1:17:06 PM

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
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From: [Teal Gardner](#)
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Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 1:29:03 PM

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 2:07:31 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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From: [Aria yang](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 2:36:45 PM

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From: [Carla Carroll](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 3:02:33 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

RE: Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)

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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 3:05:03 PM

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From: [Jack Berryman](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Dustin Kearns](#)
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 4:09:18 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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Lindi Mondavi



From: [Janice Anthony](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 4:18:34 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

RE: Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)

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From: [Brandon worth](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 4:23:54 PM

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From: [Kimberly Copeland](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Dudley Crisp](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 4:45:12 PM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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,
Dudley Crisp

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Robie Sterling](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
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From: [Davud Powell](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 4:54:58 PM

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From: [Tanner Rheinschmidt](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
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From: [Rob Benigno](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
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From: [Kristina Gravette](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 5:12:45 PM

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From: [Sheryl Schmeling](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 5:14:01 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Michael Zlatkovsky](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 5:15:09 PM

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From: [Peter Laegreid](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 5:35:01 PM

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From: [Richard Weiss](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Samuel Morrison](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 5:42:55 PM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ashley Morrison](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 5:45:15 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Jodi Laegreid](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 5:55:28 PM

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From: [Kate Pfeilschiefter](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 6:00:46 PM

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Thank you,

Kate Pfeilschiefer



From: [Josh Warnick](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 6:13:40 PM

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From: [Avery Leake](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
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From: [Lauren Diaz](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Sam Owens](#)
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [PATRICIA ARNOLD](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 7:30:17 PM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

Friends of the White Salmon River is a non-profit in Klickitat County Washington devoted to the protection of the White Salmon watershed. We worked hard, for many years, to accomplish the removal of Condit Dam.

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The EIS highlights the fact that the project would have "high direct impacts to anadromous salmonids" and particularly on spring-run Chinook at the Chehalis Basin scale. We, as a society, cannot afford to build a project with this kind of impact. Salmon are struggling, and we need them to survive and flourish.

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[REDACTED]

From: [Mae Curtis](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Bill Arthur](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
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From: [Walter Stoeckmann](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 8:08:36 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Joel McCune](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 8:20:00 PM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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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Joel McCune

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From: [Gabe Giordono](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 8:22:04 PM

Dear Corps,

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I am a highschooler living in Oregon, and although I don't live close to the Chehalis I do feel connected to salmon and the Pacific Northwest as a whole. A dam on the river would be a big step in choking the watershed and its ecosystem to death. I hope that the choice is made not to install the dam so that future generations and I may get to see the river flowing unrestrained and healthy.

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From: [Laramie Burke](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 8:29:53 PM

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Laramie Burke



From: [Aubrey Scheel](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [Amos Black](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
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From: [susan Moinester](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Elsa Toskey](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 8:57:06 PM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

I am an aquatic ecologist and former raft guide, so I write for river conservation. Washington is unparalleled in its rivers, its river wildlife, and its water-based recreation. Much of what I do as a scientist is to study the damage that has been done to salmonids and stream food webs because of dams. Much because of dams, wild salmon and trout are at extreme risk of extinction, and this has huge, devastating repercussions up and down the food web. The orcas that feed on salmon have been suffering, the native Pacific Northwestern communities (who have relied on salmon for centuries) are suffering, and all of us recreational boaters and fishermen want to see the salmon survive and the rivers healthy. We have been using hail marys to try to save the wild salmon -like culling fish-eating birds and sea lions in lieu of fixing the dam problem. We've been dumping money into research on salmonid conservation (I am a small part of this).

Now is a time of dam removal and river restoration, not further impoundment. Do not proceed with damming the upper Chehalis. This river is a mecca for fishermen, duck hunters, paddlers, hikers, and birders. I have paddled and duck hunted on this river many times, and it holds a special place in my heart, as it does with many other people. The Chehalis hosts a listed Coho salmon run. All of this and more would be lost should the Army Corps of Engineers choose to move forward and erect a dam on the upper Chehalis River. Do not dam this river.

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From: [Peter Hollomon](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 9:09:24 PM

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From: [John Pavolka](#)
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From: [Isaac Brighton](#)
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From: [Davinia Gómez](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 10:00:49 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Phoebe Milatz](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 10:04:49 PM

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From: [Karen Bronner](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 10:07:50 PM

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From: [Carl Ostergren](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
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From: [Jennifer Beetem](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 11:04:02 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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From: [James Salay](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 12:32:21 AM

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From: [joan silaco](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 1:12:54 AM

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From: [Diane Bill](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Ayla Wilk](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 5:20:14 AM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

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

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From: [Doug Meis](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 6:25:21 AM

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From: [Terrie Williams](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 6:43:40 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Dalton Hedin](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 6:47:10 AM

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[REDACTED]

From: [Gregory Peters](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 7:02:21 AM

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Sincerely,
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From: [Annie Madden](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 7:03:02 AM

Dear Corps,

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

The river basin is clearly in need of a comprehensive strategy to reduce flood damage and address salmon and steelhead declines. Unfortunately the current dam proposal from the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District will not comprehensively address either problem. Instead, it is an ill-advised attempt to solve deep-seated issues. It could end up costing taxpayers upwards of \$1 billion, while worsening fish populations and further encouraging development in the floodplain.

What the dam WON'T do:

- Prevent flood damage for residents throughout the basin
- Generate hydropower for Lewis County residents
- Supply irrigation water to Chehalis basin farmers
- Create new recreational fishing and boating opportunities

What the dam WILL do:

- Require significant logging and costly ongoing debris removal
- Drown six 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

Everyone agrees that we need to do more to help salmon and decrease the risk of flood damage. But science and common sense tell us that a dam is not the answer. This dam goes too far, costs too much, 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,
Annie

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Annie Madden



From: [JIMMY JAMES](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 7:17:26 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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From: [Tyler Davidson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 7:41:40 AM

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From: [Nelly PRESTAT](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [James Cavallaro](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Paige Milatz](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 8:37:44 AM

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From: [Denise Weeks](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 8:45:41 AM

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[REDACTED]



From: [Matt Smith](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:02:47 AM

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Sincerely,
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From: [Matt Richardson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Chehalis Dam, Again!
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:23:32 AM

Dear U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,

States are taking down dams all over the US. Why build another dam? Keep the Chehalis free flowing. Pursue other cost effective measures.

The proposed dam on the Chehalis River will devastate our wild fish and environment. Please address the following negative impacts in the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project Environmental Impact Statement.

These impacts will:

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In addition, there is no mention in the EIS of other alternatives that can address the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis basin and these must be included and considered in the environmental review process.

Sincerely,
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From: [Rebecca Heisman](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:23:33 AM

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From: [Jake Foster](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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[REDACTED]

From: [Charles DeNatale](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 10:54:43 AM

Dear Corps,

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

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What the dam WON'T do:

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Sincerely,

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From: [Charles Gustafson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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Thank you for your work and for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Ron Meza



From: [Mary Ellen Smith](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 11:21:15 AM

Dear Corps,

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

The river basin is clearly in need of a comprehensive strategy to reduce flood damage and address salmon and steelhead declines. Unfortunately the current dam proposal from the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District will not comprehensively address either problem. Instead, it is an ill-advised attempt to solve deep-seated issues. It could end up costing taxpayers upwards of \$1 billion, while worsening fish populations and further encouraging development in the floodplain.

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

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Mary Ellen Smith



From: [Peter Fiddler](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 11:22:44 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

RE: Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)

I am writing to provide my input on the Federal (NEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project.

Due to its environmental impacts, I DO NOT support the proposed strategy to build a dam on the Chehalis River.

I support collaboration by the Chehalis Basin Board, Tribes, and other stakeholders in developing an alternative strategy that supports flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains, and habitat.

Please do not build this dam.

Thank you,

Peter Fiddler



From: [Chris Lilley](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 11:42:40 AM

Dear US Army Corps of Engineers Chehalis NEPA Process,

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From: [Debra Boler](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 11:48:04 AM

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Michael Boler



From: [Denise Lytle](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 12:14:24 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

RE: Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)

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Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and 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. We need out-of-the box solutions that do not force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife, and people.

Thank you,

Denise Lytle




From: [David Moskowitz](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 12:18:58 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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From: [Marga Gili](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 12:54:55 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Kenneth Ryan](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 1:04:02 PM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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 Environmental Impact Statement that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a "high direct impact from loss of 6 miles of river no longer open for boating." The analysis also highlights the fact that the project would have "high direct impacts to anadromous salmonids" and particularly on spring-run Chinook at the Chehalis Basin scale. These represent unacceptable impacts that will directly impact my use and enjoyment of the Chehalis River.

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 toward solutions that do not rely on the failed approaches of the last century which we know are bad for fish and bad for the environment.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Ryan

[REDACTED]

From: [Allison bell](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 2:05:00 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

RE: Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)

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Thank you,

Allison bell




From: [Frances Mackiewicz](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 2:52:40 PM

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From: [Jay Beene](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 2:51:23 PM

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Sincerely,
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From: [Mitchell Seibel](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 3:09:30 PM

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From: [Stellan Davis](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
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Sincerely,
Stellan Davis



From: [Richard Johnson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 5:15:12 PM

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Thank you,

Richard Johnson




From: [Terrie Phenicie](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 5:43:35 PM

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Terrie Phenicie




From: [Steven Phenicie](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 5:43:41 PM

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From: [Ramiro Fuentes](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 7:54:59 PM

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Sincerely,
Ramiro Fuentes



From: [Heather MacFarlane](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:23:14 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:23:18 PM

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Marisa McGrew, Project Manager and Scientific Aid
Eel River Watershed Improvement Group and CA Fish and Wildlife

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From: [Lydia Andris](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 9:30:38 PM

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From: [August Ashmun](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Friday, November 13, 2020 11:09:14 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Claire Hews](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Saturday, November 14, 2020 12:00:55 AM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

I am a river kayaker. I love the Chehalis. I've been busting for 29 years, most of my adult life. The recreational opportunities this river provides are outstanding. I am writing to comment on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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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From: [Marion Eaton Goodsell](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
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From: [Ryan Doliner](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Saturday, November 14, 2020 3:02:54 AM

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From: [Bridgette Moroney](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Saturday, November 14, 2020 3:18:34 AM

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From: [Lyle Collins](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Saturday, November 14, 2020 4:27:46 AM

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From: [Patsy quintus](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Saturday, November 14, 2020 8:16:12 AM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Alex Dodge](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Saturday, November 14, 2020 8:21:04 AM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

As a whitewater boater who enjoys the recreational opportunities Washington's rivers provide, I am writing to comment on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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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[REDACTED]

From: [Whitney White](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Saturday, November 14, 2020 9:08:18 AM

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From: [Ryan Lefler](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Saturday, November 14, 2020 9:16:18 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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From: [Cathleen Berg](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [River Steenson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Saturday, November 14, 2020 10:13:32 AM

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Sincerely,
River Steenson



From: [June Parker](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [Charlotte Cumming](#)
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From: [Barbara Wallesz](#)
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From: [Julia Moore](#)
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Date: Saturday, November 14, 2020 11:54:02 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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From: [Patricia Chupa](#)
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From: [Ron Figlar-Barnes](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] NEPA Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:03:15 PM

Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project Lewis County, Washington National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Impact Statement September 18, 2020
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Brandon Clanton
Corps EIS Project Manager
United States Army Corps of Engineers and
Anchor QEA
6720 South Macadam Street, Suite 125
Portland, Oregon 97219
Nov 14, 2020

Dear Mr. Clinton and Anchor QEA

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project Lewis County, Washington. On January 31, 2018, the Corps determined the proposed project may have significant individual and/or cumulative impacts to the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement (EIS) was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (40 CFR 1500-1508; 33 CFR 325 Appendix B). According to the Corps, "Preparation of this Draft EIS and a future Final EIS will support the Corps' permit decision".

DAM NEPA Comments

Ron Figlar-Barnes
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The Corps has arrived at the same decision that many independent reviews have, the proposal could have (would—will) have significant adverse environmental impacts throughout the Chehalis River basin.

My questions are the same as so many others that are concern with the proposal and are listed by topic.

Flooding:

My research suggests we are seeing record flood damage due to our continuing encroachment into the floodplain of the Chehalis River. According to historic records, population increases in Lewis county (specifically the community of Chehalis) have doubled since 1910. In addition, expansion of homes and businesses in the floodplain continue to occur while logging of the upper watershed has led to decreased moisture retention and increased runoff during rain events. The encroachment of businesses within the floodplain of the Chehalis River is obvious. So, have floods increased in the

Chehalis basin or has development increased in areas that have historically flooded? I would argue human activity is largely the culprit of the flooding impacts of the Chehalis River and its tributaries. Human development can be controlled, the weather—not so much!

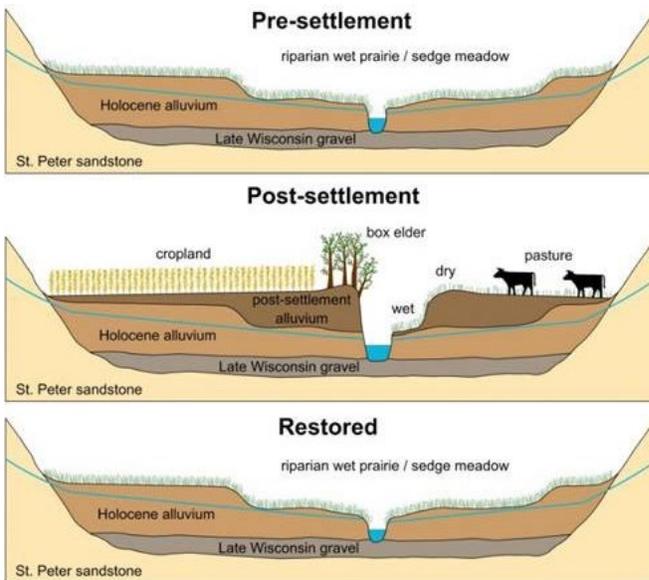
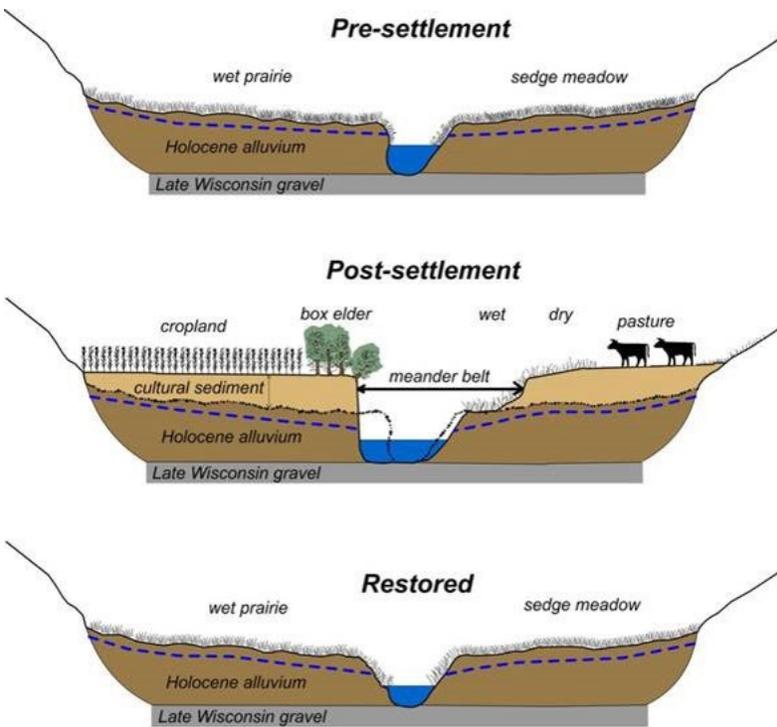
Instead of a dam, could the same or more flood storage, in acre feet, be created in the Chehalis river valley by restoring the river floodplain back to wetlands and riparian forest? I.e., buying farmland next to the river that was historically riparian zone and riverine wetlands and restore that land back to those conditions (excavating down the valley so it holds more water and creates wetlands and fish habitat). This is different than river dredging, as the storage you're creating is located in the floodplain, not the river itself. The Chehalis River and its tributaries are incised throughout the basin due to sluice logging and past dredging, so lowering the floodplain to the rivers level would significantly increase flood capacity while creating significant amounts of new habitat for salmonids and other fish and wildlife. It would also help reduce river velocity, allow river meandering, protect adjacent farmland, preserve a free-flowing mainstem Chehalis, and eliminate the need for expensive structures and long term maintenance.

For example, assuming an equal amount of flood storage as the dam, 65,000 acre feet of storage is roughly equivalent to 6,500 acres of floodplain excavated down by an average of 10 ft.. The cost for farmland in the floodplain is around \$2,000 per acre, so 6,500 acres is roughly \$13 Million, though you'd want to double or triple this for unwilling sellers or bargaining driving up costs. Rounding to \$100 million would be more likely for cost of land. For excavation and haul, assume a low unit cost of \$5 or \$10 per cubic yard for such a large quantity. 6,500 acres at 10 ft. excavation is 2,831,400,000 C.F. or 104,866,667 C.Y., and at \$5 per cubic yard, you'd be looking at around \$524,333,333 for excavation. Assuming mobilization, taxes, and other items not included, you'd be looking at around \$1 Billion total cost, roughly the same as a massive flood retention structure, minus the cost for maintenance, operations, fish passage and future expansion. Further, this floodplain storage could be spread out over more of the floodplain, protecting against flood events not localized to the dam location.

It's worth noting that 6,500 acres of floodplain is approximately 4% of the total farmland in the river valley according to the flood authority (which states there is approximately 257 square miles of farmland in the river valley, or 164,480 acres of farmland. 6,500 acres divided by 164,480 acres is roughly 4%). Excavating deeper in areas that allow it would reduce the overall farmland needed, or provide more storage than the current dam proposal would provide. Point is, for a similar cost to a dam, you can create the same amount of flood storage in the valley while also creating thousands of acres of riverine wetlands and riparian zone, which would be a massive boon for water quality and salmonids in the basin.

So, all of that said, has this option been considered? If not, why? And can it be considered as an alternative to the dam?

See below for cross section examples of floodplain restoration:



Salmon populations:

What is the reason behind the decline in fish populations in the Chehalis? I would argue the same as in other areas of the Pacific Northwest and the world. Overfishing and habitat degradation are two key elements associated with the decline.

Ocean fishing is a major factor affecting salmonid populations in the Chehalis river system. It is estimated 25% to 50% of Chehalis salmon are caught in Alaska and off the shores of Canada.

Corresponding research conducted by the Wild Fish Conservancy, commercial and recreational fishing in Southwest Alaska intercept salmon from Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia. According to Kurt Beardslee, executive director of Wild Fish Conservancy, *“Most people don’t realize that over 97% of the Chinook salmon caught in the ocean off Southeast Alaska are not from Alaska, they’re actually from rivers in British Columbia, Washington, and Oregon. These salmon are not Alaskan salmon, they belong to the rivers and peoples of the entire coast, as well as the killer whales and coastal ecosystems that depend on them.”*

Data from the Pacific Salmon Commission corroborates this, showing only 3% of the Chinook caught in Southeast Alaskan ocean waters yearly are from Alaskan rivers; roughly half are from the Columbia River and the remainder come from other rivers in British Columbia, Washington, and Oregon.

In addition to **regulated** overfishing off the coast of Alaska and Canada, environmental factors are at work. The Pacific Ocean is warming and there is acidification in large areas of the ocean. This change in ocean conditions is a major concern, as they are related to salmonid health. Pteropods, which calcify the more soluble CaCO_3 mineral aragonite, are a prey for pelagic fish in subarctic and arctic regions. In Alaskan waters, pteropods are thought to be important prey for juvenile salmon and other harvested species. Recent studies of natural pteropod populations in the Southern Ocean in conditions similar to those currently seen in coastal Alaska have shown rapid and significant shell dissolution. If food sources for salmon and steelhead are reduced due to adverse changes in ocean chemistry, salmon and steelhead runs will ultimately be negatively influenced in **all** of Washington’s rivers.

As such, I cannot see how building a dam on the Chehalis above Pe Ell will remedy or have any positive affect on the overall picture of fisheries decline in the Chehalis River system. According to NEPA, it is clearly stated that building the dam will have the opposite effect—fisheries will decline significantly more than they would if nothing was built.

Additional Issues:

Climate Change:

The corps under this NEPA fails to model climate change: Due to the absents of climate change scenarios it could be argued there is an underestimating impact to fish, floods and future environmental conditions. In the Department of Ecology SEPA Climate Change was mentioned and proponents talk about using climate change as an argument for building a dam, which according to them will save salmon, this premise is absurd! According to the dam/fish hypothesis, since climate change will cause droughts in the summer and flash floods the rest of the year, salmon will be at risk. According to the Ecology SEPA, if agencies took no major action toward flood reduction, climate change would still reduce salmon and steelhead populations 70 percent below historic levels. Yet, Ecology also noted that doing nothing would harm fish less than the proposed dam. Think about this assertion, **there would be more damage with a dam than the worst climate change scenario.**

Do we really know what climate change will mean for our area? It would be nice to have a magic ball to tell us, but we seem to be out of stock! In my opinion, it is not a far-gone conclusion what the future will hold for our local climate and salmon survival. The assumption that we know the future is flawed and not very factual. Climate change scientist do think the climate will be more extreme, with larger rain events punctuated with major dry periods. However, these two extremes, flooding, and

drought, are dependent upon, “phases of regional variability.” What does that mean?

First of all, a particular weather event is dependent upon seasonal to decadal time scales. In a warm phase (El Nino); there is less flooding, warmer temperatures, and drought. In a cool phase (La Nina); there is more flooding, cooler temperatures, and more rain. Both El Nino and La Nina can last several years. El Nino and La Nina are caused by many factors including sun activity, the planet’s angle (Milankovitch Cycles), weather events and ocean currents. The complexity of climate change in association with natural variations is complicated and predicting what type of event might occur for the Chehalis system over the next 100 years is problematic. For example, during an El Nino in the spring after a winter drought, reducing water flow with a dam from a large rain event could intensify a critical need for water throughout the lower Chehalis watershed. In this example, pools in the lower system, which protect juvenile salmon and fry from high water temperatures in the summer months, could be in jeopardy. In addition, agricultural, municipal, and individual wells could experience a severe water shortage under the winter drought scenario.

An old argument for the dam often cited by proponents is that it will somehow help salmon runs. To say a flood retention facility (DAM) would help save salmon is a ridiculous premise. Dams in no way, shape, or form can save fish runs. We are in an era of removing dams not building them. The chances are great if a dam is built in the Upper Chehalis there will be an Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed salmon in the Chehalis River.

What current dammed river in Washington State has a recovered ESA listed salmon run? (Hint, the answer is none!)

Ecology, in its review of the proposed project states; “Study identifies significant environmental impacts”.

Ecology’s review studied the likely significant environmental impacts from the Flood District’s project as well as alternatives. Ecology looked at 17 different environmental elements including impacts to air quality, cultural resources, environmental health and safety, environmental justice, fish and aquatic species, habitat and land use, recreation, transportation, tribal resources, water, wetlands, and wildlife.

Under Ecology’s analysis, the project could reduce some flooding to a few buildings and infrastructure, including U.S. Interstate 5. Which would be good if we were positive an event will take place in the same areas as the 2007 flooding. There is no assurance and very little likelihood of a similar event.

However a dam, would have significant adverse effects, mainly along the Chehalis River in the area above the flood retention dam and below the structure to Rainbow Falls. These include:

- Reducing spring- and fall-run Chinook salmon, Coho salmon, and steelhead trout
- Reducing native aquatic species such as lamprey and mussels
- Reducing wildlife such as amphibians
- Degrading habitat on land, and in water and wetlands
- Degrading river and stream water quality
- Eliminating access for recreational fishing and whitewater boating
- Increasing greenhouse gas emissions
- Impacting tribal and cultural resources

Several impacts from the proposal would be unavoidable unless measures to offset them are determined to be feasible and meet regulatory requirements. This would be determined during

future permitting processes including local and tribal governments, and state and federal agencies.”

What does that mean?

In closing, please do not permit a project that will do little to mitigate flooding but will dramatically impact all of the natural resources associated with the Chehalis Basin.

Over all suggestions:

1. Mitigation—increase the ability of the Chehalis Floodplain to manage flood events!
2. Develop side channels to alleviate flooding in the lower Chehalis!
3. Elevate I-5

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Jakub Bednarek](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Saturday, November 14, 2020 2:22:59 PM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

Please consider engineering a different method of flood reduction on the Chehalis River. As a whitewater boater and angler who enjoys the recreational opportunities offered by the Chehalis. Anglers and boaters are aware of the damage dams cause to the dynamic fish habitat provided by rivers. Because of this 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 Environmental Impact Statement that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a "high direct impact from loss of 6 miles of river no longer open for boating." The analysis also highlights the fact that the project would have "high direct impacts to anadromous salmonids" and particularly on spring-run Chinook at the Chehalis Basin scale. Spring chinook are already endangered in other dammed rivers. Chehalis stock represents a potential seed stock for recovering other spring stocks. Don't allow Chehalis salmon to go the way of Columbia river, Cowlitz, or other threatened stocks. These represent unacceptable impacts that will directly impact my use and enjoyment of the Chehalis River.

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 toward solutions that do not rely on the failed approaches of the last century which we know are bad for fish and bad for the environment.

Sincerely,
Jakub Bednarek

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From: [Sue Rooney](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Saturday, November 14, 2020 3:30:41 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

RE: Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)

This may be a form letter, but I agree with every work of its contents. Our Western Washington ecosystems have seen enough alteration and diminishment. When will this relentless penchant for unnecessary projects that harm natural ecosystem function end? I am writing to provide my input on the Federal (NEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and Coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish. Furthermore, the lack of climate change modeling in the NEPA DEIS, coupled with the lack of alternatives offered in the document, suggests the Corps and federal partners have not done enough in the NEPA DEIS to gain my support since the release of the SEPA DEIS.

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Thank you,

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From: [Jim Maurer](#)
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From: [Valerie Brace](#)
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Date: Saturday, November 14, 2020 4:15:33 PM
Attachments: [NEPA_PCRBFDRP_Dam_KFB_Comments.pdf](#)

Dear Mr. Clinton,

Please see the attached document which includes my comments for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project NEPA EIS.

Thank you,

Kim Figlar-Barnes

November 16, 2020

Kim Figlar-Barnes
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Brandon Clinton
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RE: Comments on Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project NEPA Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Clinton:

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the *Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project NEPA Environmental Impact Statement*. I reviewed the document and wish to express fervent opposition to it.

Currently, dam removals are gaining traction nationwide. To date, over a dozen dams have been removed nationwide and a half dozen are proposed for removal. The Elwha dam removal in Washington State is a success story and is still ongoing with the recovery of salmon runs, return of riverine habitat, and estuary delta. I am strongly against the construction of the FRE dam, it is indefensible to support such an environmentally destructive and costly project (costs range between \$625 million to \$1 billion).

There are over 1,166 dams in the State of Washington;¹ all the rivers with dams in the Puget Sound, including the Columbia River, have Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed salmonid species. The Chehalis River Basin will join the “ESA club” within 5 to 10 years of a dam being constructed. This is not acceptable and the FRE dam should never be considered as a viable means for reducing flooding. The FRE dam proposal will make a minimal difference to the flooding communities and Interstate 5 (will reduce flooding by 1.5 feet along I-5!) experienced, and it will not prevent a repeat of the 2007 flood.

My concerns for this project are listed below.

Dam Construction Impacts – Temporary Trap and Transport Facility

Temporary picket weirs

¹ From Dept. of Ecology *Inventory of Dams Report 2019*;
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/documents/94016.pdf>

Temporary picket weirs fail when river flows reach 400 cfs and as debris pile up behind the weirs. What are the plans for a picket weir failure when the Chehalis River flows reach 400 cfs or greater? What actions will be taken to prevent fish from migrating upstream when picket weirs fail?

How will adult steelhead, cutthroat trout, rainbow trout and other native fish species migrate downstream past the proposed temporary picket weirs?

What are the costs associated with installing, operating and maintaining picket weirs and fish ladder?

Temperature and Habitat

According to Ecology:² 600-acres of trees within the temporary reservoir will be removed during construction and an additional 247-acres of trees and vegetation will be killed when the reservoir is filled. This will increase water temperatures in the footprint of the temporary reservoir area up to 9°F and decrease dissolved oxygen, causing significant adverse environmental impacts, which cannot be mitigated. These affects will likely occur for miles downstream of the FRE dam as well.

How many adult/juvenile salmonids and other fish species will be killed upstream (and likely downstream) of the dam due to the increased water temperature and decreased dissolved oxygen?

What are the expected reductions in dissolved oxygen of the proposed FRE dam and reservoir?

Turbidity, Total Suspended Solids, and Large Woody Debris

During construction, how will turbidity and total suspended solids be prevented from entering the river?

Turbidity, total suspended solids, landslides, and increased floodwater runoff are related to poor forest practices and lack of adequate riparian zones upstream of the dam site. How will this issue be addressed?

All dams contribute to an increase in turbidity and total suspended solids (the Wynoochee and Skookumchuck dams have had this problem for 20 plus years). How will sedimentation be reduced or eliminated when the FRE dam reservoir is filled and emptied?

As water levels are dropped over the 32-day period, accumulated suspended solids will settle on the reservoir floor upstream of the dam. How will the accumulated suspended solids be removed? What are the costs associated with the maintenance and removal of accumulated suspended solids above the dam site?

² From SEPA DEIS Focus Sheet

Fine sediments remain suspended in the reservoir until full drawdown. This results in turbid waters being released for a longer time frame than would naturally occur after a flood event. How will elevated turbidity and total suspended solids being released from the reservoir affect all life cycles of salmonid species, other native fish species, and aquatic macroinvertebrate species? How will the death of these species be mitigated? Explain in detail.

Coarse sediment and large woody debris would be prevented from flowing downstream when the FRE dam is closed. Overtime, this will result in the Chehalis River becoming sediment and woody debris starved downstream of the dam. This will have dramatic effects on salmonid spawning productivity and other aquatic species productivity. How will trapped coarse sediments and large woody debris be managed behind the FRE dam to prevent lost downstream productivity for salmonid and other aquatic species?

Where are the total maximum daily load requirements associated with the FRE dam when it is closed and releasing trapped flood waters?

Climate Change

The NEPA DEIS does not adequately analyze or model the impacts of climate change to fish, floods and future environmental conditions. Where are the FRE project models for changes to floods and hydrology climate change will have on the environment? NOAA climate models suggest a 50% increase in precipitation/flooding overtime due to a changing climate, such changes will affect the FRE's ability to reduce flooding in the future. NEPA needs to address how climate change will exacerbate future severe weather patterns, flows and flooding regimes.

FRE Dam Fish Passage

When the reservoir is full

When water is flowing down the spillway chute of the FRE dam what is the survival rate of juvenile and adult fish being passed down the spillway chute through the flip bucket and into the plunge pool?

What is adult and juvenile fish survival rates when exiting the dam outlet into the stilling basin as reservoir water is released? How are the survival rates impacted when the stilling basin water is filled with suffocating sediments?

What is the mortality rate associated with adult and juvenile fish stranded in pools above the reservoir as water is released?

Flood Retention Periods

Why is the Grand Mound monitoring gage being used to justify closing the dam instead of the Doty gage? The Grand Mound gage height is affected by flood waters from the

Skookumchuck, South Fork Chehalis and Newaukum Rivers and has nothing to do with measuring the water levels for the Upper Chehalis River. How will the FRE dam prevent flooding occurring on the Skookumchuck, South Fork Chehalis and Newaukum rivers?

The 2009 flood, which flooded I-5, was due to record floods on the Newaukum River system.³ The 1997 flood caused record flooding on the Wynoochee River system.⁴ This river had a dam constructed for flood protection in 1972, yet it did nothing to stop the flooding from the 1997 storm. As mentioned, the FRE dam will do nothing to stop flooding on the Skookumchuck, South Fork Chehalis and Newaukum Rivers if weather systems stall over these drainages and cause record flooding.

What is survival rate of juvenile salmonids stuck in the temporary reservoir for up to 35 days when this occurs during smolt out migration periods?

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What are the exact details of how fish passage would transition from open outlet conduits to closed conduits and operation of the CHTR facility? Why is this information not being provided by the applicant?

What happens when the Grand Mound gage is forecasted to rise above 38,000 cfs within 48 hours, the FRE dam is closed and the **forecasted flood** never happens? This has the potential to happen every year from November to March.

Shellfish and Macroinvertebrates

Where is the applicants Fish and Aquatic Species and Habitat, Vegetation Management, Riparian Habitat, Wetlands, Large Woody Material Management, and surface Water Quality plans to mitigate impact to freshwater mussels and aquatic macroinvertebrates?

What are the costs associated with the **significant and unavoidable** adverse environmental impacts on freshwater mussels and aquatic macroinvertebrates?

Wildlife Species

Marbled Murrelet

What measures will be taken to protect the federally threatened and state endangered marbled murrelet within the FRE structure site and the Huckleberry Ridge Quarry access roads? What are the alternatives to using the Huckleberry Ridge Quarry? What

³ From National Weather Service; <https://www.weather.gov/safety/flood-states-wa>

⁴ From Seattle Times; <https://archive.seattletimes.com/archive/?date=19970320&slug=2529670>

other quarry sites are available that would not have significant adverse environmental impacts to the marbled murrelet?

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What are the costs associated with the **significant and unavoidable** adverse environmental impacts on the marble murrelet and other wildlife habitats?

Amphibians and Reptiles

What measures will be taken at the construction site of the FRE dam and above the FRE dam site to ensure the survival of the Dunn's salamander, Van Dyke's salamander, ensatina, Pacific treefrog, northern red-legged frog, western toad, northwestern salamander, rough-skinned newt, coastal giant salamander, coastal tailed frog, and Columbia torrent salamander?

Airport Levee

What effect will raising the airport levee 4 to 7 feet have on the height of the flood waters for the areas outside the levee?

Salzer Creek is located 1,456 feet north of the northern portion of the airport levee where Airport Rd crosses the creek with a bridge. When the Chehalis River floods, the flood waters back up Salzer Creek causing it to leave its banks. Salzer Creek is one of the locations where Chehalis River flood waters can overtop Interstate 5 (I-5). How much will the proposed increased airport levee height of 4 to 7 feet increase Chehalis River flooding flowing up Salzer Creek? How much and how often will I-5 flood in the location of Salzer Creek due to the airport levee height being increased by 4 to 7 feet?

How much will flooding increase around the entire airport levee due to the proposed height increases of 4 to 7 feet? Where and who will be affected by increased flood waters due to the increased height of the airport levee deflecting the flood waters elsewhere?

What will be the effects of removing 7 acres of wetland flood storage capacity?
What will be the effects of removing 44 acres of wetland buffers?
What will be the combined increased flood effects of these two significant impacts?

FRE Dam

According to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service:⁵

⁵ <https://www.fws.gov/salmonofthewest/dams.htm>

“Dams can block or impede migration and have created deep pools of water that in some cases have inundated important spawning habitat or blocked access to it. Dams also change the character of rivers, creating slow-moving, warm water pools that are ideal for predators of salmon. Low water velocities in large reservoirs also can delay salmon migration and expose fish to high water temperatures and disease.”

The alteration of a river's flow and sediment transport downstream of a dam often cause the greatest sustained environmental impacts. Life in and around a river evolves and is conditioned on the timing and quantities of river flow. Disrupted and altered water flows can be as severe as completely de-watering river reaches and the life they contain. Even subtle changes in the quantity and timing of water flows impact aquatic and riparian life, which can unravel the ecological web of a river system.

Dams also hold back sediments that would naturally replenish downstream ecosystems. When a river is deprived of its sediment load, it seeks to recapture it by eroding the downstream riverbed and banks (which can undermine bridges and other riverbank structures, as well as riparian areas). Riverbeds downstream of dams are typically eroded by several meters within the decade of first closing a dam; the damage can extend for tens or even hundreds of miles below a dam. Another consequence of riverbed incising will be lower groundwater tables along the river. Lower water tables will limit the accessibility of water to plant roots (and to human communities drawing water from wells). Altering the riverbed also reduces habitat for fish that spawn in river bottoms and for aquatic invertebrates.⁶

As mentioned before, there are 1,166 dams obstructing the flow of rivers in Washington and dams are one of the biggest contributors to salmon declines in the state. By slowing and changing natural water flows, dams can lead to an inadequate water supply downstream, raising water temperatures and allowing too much silt to collect. Dams block fish from moving upstream to spawn and can reduce the number of juvenile salmon that successfully migrate to the ocean. Look at the billions of dollars that have been spent on the Columbia River dams to reduce the adverse impacts on fish passage and those measures have not worked. What measures will be used for the FRE dam that will be different from measures currently being used on the Columbia River dams?

The SEPA DEIS report states about the FRE dam:⁷

“A good analogous existing dam would be the Mud Mountain Dam on the White River in western Washington State owned and operated by the US Army Corps of Engineers in a very similar fashion. The Mud Mountain Dam on the White River in western Washington State, owned and operated by the US Army Corps of Engineers, has been operating successfully since the late 1940’s and operates in a very similar fashion. Similar to the proposed FRE dam alternative for Chehalis River, the Mud Mountain dam is a run-of-river type dam which does not typically impound the river flows unless a large flood is forecasted to occur.”

⁶ <https://www.internationalrivers.org/environmental-impacts-of-dams>

⁷ Appendix 1 Attachment A: Project Description Part 2-17, page I-4

American Rivers has a more truthful explanation regarding the Mud Mountain Dams effects to anadromous salmonid species in the White River:⁸

“Mud Mountain Dam was built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for flood control in the 1940s. The dam blocks anadromous fish passage, so a “trap and haul” system was instituted, in which fish are transported around the dam by truck. Buckley Diversion Dam supposed to serve as the trap. However, the poor condition of the dam and its fish collection facilities cause thousands of salmon and steelhead to die each year, especially during pink salmon runs. Those that do make it into the overcrowded fish trap are often exhausted, impaled on rebar, or injured from the cramped holding facilities, which reduces their chances of spawning after release.

The failing system undermines more than \$150 million in taxpayer funds spent each year to restore salmon to rivers and streams around the Puget Sound, including the threatened chinook. Ironically, Buckley’s alleged purpose since it quit diverting water to a hydropower project more than a decade ago is solely to assist the recovery. Instead, routine repairs to Buckley Dam require sharply reduced water releases from the upstream Mud Mountain Dam, drying up 29 miles of river and stranding juvenile fish migrating to Puget Sound. Worst of all, hundreds of thousands of adult salmon are left to die below Buckley Dam before they can spawn. The ongoing saga placed the White River near the top of our American’s Most Endangered Rivers® list in 2014.”

So much for the US Army Corps of Engineers **successfully** operating the Mud Mountain Dam. The Mud Mountain Dam **successfully** contributed to Chinook, steelhead and bull trout becoming federally listed as endangered. If it is such a wonderful dam, salmon species should be thriving and not endangered! Why on earth would one consider the Mud Mountain Dam a good analogy for the FRE dam?

Fish Passage when FRE Dam is Open

In numerous presentations regarding the proposed FRE dam, the public was led to believe the river would be free-flowing through a river-width channel when the dam was open. However, looking at the current plans in Appendix 1 Part 2-17 of the SEPA DEIS, fish will have to navigate **5 concrete box sluices**: four 10-foot-wide and one central sluice 12 foot wide. The sluices are essentially box culverts, not a free-flowing river!

What range of discharges allows for adult and juvenile fish passage through the sluices? With and without sediment in the sluices?

How will fish passage (both adults and juveniles) be preserved when flows exceed acceptable fish passage velocities, but are not high enough to close the dam?

During the dam opening and closing procedures, when the sluices are partially open, high velocity flows up to 140 feet per second will be entering the stilling basin. How will these flows impact adult and juvenile fish passage to the CHTR facility?

⁸ <https://www.americanrivers.org/river/white-river-wa/>

As shown in Figure 2-11 on page 1-20 of Appendix 1 Part 2-17 of the SEPA DEIS, sediment will accumulate against the trash rack following flood regulation operation, forming a 6-foot-high wall of sediment (and debris). How will this wall of sediment impact upstream adult and juvenile fish passage? How and when will it be removed with out harming adult and juvenile fish? How frequently is sediment accumulation like this expected to occur?

As shown in Figure 2-9 on page 1-17 of Appendix 1 Part 2-17 of the SEPA DEIS, will sediment accumulation in the stilling basin effect fish passage into the CHTR facility?

Trap and Hauling

There is clear evidence of negative impacts of trap and hauling programs to salmonids. For example, from the 2017 Fishbio “The Fish Report”:⁹

“TH2 [Trap and hauling] programs can also stress adult salmon transported above dams, leading to sometimes very high rates of mortality before the fish even spawn. For example, nearly half (48 percent) of transported adult spring-run salmon died before spawning in a four-year study on Oregon’s Willamette River, while a three-year study on transporting stranded adult spring-run Chinook salmon on California’s Butte Creek found 100 percent of the fish died before spawning.”

Also, from a study on the Cowlitz River, WA:¹⁰

“This study showed that substantial losses can occur to populations of adult steelhead and salmon after release in the upper Cowlitz River Basin. During the course of the study, we found that 18–48 percent of the tagged fish (by species and origin) either remained in Lake Scanewa or fell back downstream of Cowlitz Falls Dam. There is little or no spawning habitat in the reservoir and fish that fallback downstream of the dam cannot move back into the upper Cowlitz River Basin because the dam does not have a fish ladder for upstream passage. Therefore, our findings indicate that about one-fifth to one-half of the transported fish failed to move into the Cowlitz River or Cispus River during the spawning period. Similar losses have been documented in other systems. Naughton and others (2015) reported that average prespawn mortality rates during 2009–14 for female Chinook salmon exceeded 60 percent in Fall Creek and were about 30 percent in the North Fork Middle Fork Willamette River, Oregon, following trap-and-haul transport.”

What are the contingency plans if the CHTR facility breaks down while adult salmonids are in the facility? What happens when the fish lift system breaks down or the water upwell and diffuser chambers fail during peak spawning timing for any of the salmonid species? What happens when the holding gallery is full of salmon and the crowder fails to work or pumps fail to distribute water?

⁹ <https://fishbio.com/field-notes/the-fish-report/bumpy-ride-challenges-trapping-hauling-salmon>

¹⁰ <https://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2016/1144/ofr20161144.pdf>

What are the increased mortality rates associated with each salmonid species being anesthetized?

What will be the pre-spawning mortality rates associated with spring/fall Chinook, coho and steelhead trapped and hauled above the FRE dam?

What happens when the water temperature at the CHTR facility is not safe (68 degrees Fahrenheit or higher) for adult salmonids, steelhead, juvenile and resident fish and lamprey?

What happens if the water temperature at the predesignated points of release are not safe (68 degrees Fahrenheit or higher) for adult salmonids, steelhead, juvenile and resident fish and lamprey?

What happens if the water provided via gravity from the reservoir is turbid and full of sediments that suffocate fish?

What are the itemized annual costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the CHTR facility?

FRE Dam Costs

Who will be paying the \$625 million to \$1 billion dollars for the construction of the FRE dam? Who will be paying for the \$628,000 per year operations and maintenance costs for the FRE dam? Why is the public not being told how and who will be paying these costs? Due to the project's scope, where is NEPA's cost-benefit analysis of the project?

Landslides and Mass Wasting

The 2007 storm event recruited wood from landslides and debris torrents in the upper Chehalis Basin and tributaries; since the proposed FRE dam is to be built to prevent flooding from a similar 2007 storm event, how will FRE dam hold back such water and debris? What will be the maintenance costs associated with debris and landslide material removal accumulating behind the dam? Who will pay for this maintenance? How can the costs of building the FRE dam be justified when dam construction will be occurring adjacent to three deep-seated landslides and the fish passage facility is being constructed on an active deep-seated landslide? What measures will be taken to prevent these landslides from continuing during construction and post construction of the FRE dam and fish passage facility?

In the event of a mass wasting and landslide event similar to the 2007 storm event, where will the thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of cubic yards of landslide and flood debris be moved to? What would the exact reservoir debris-handling labor costs be associated with maintaining such a mass wasting event?

What would the exact debris handling/disposal truck hauling costs be associated with maintaining such a mass wasting event? These costs need to be included into the yearly maintenance and operational costs of the FRE dam.

The 2007 storm event created over 1,645 landslides in the Upper Chehalis watershed above the proposed FRE dam site!¹¹ The SEPA DEIS Appendix F Figure F-3 shows only 27 landslides. Where are the remaining 1,618 landslides that occurred in the Chehalis River headwaters during in the 2007 storm event above the dam site? Why are these slides above the dam site and reservoir not mentioned in the report? Where are the graphics depicting these landslides? The slides are also documented in a report conducted by DNR in 2008.

As long as forest practices remain the same, such slides will continue to occur and the FRE dam reservoir will fill with sediments and woody debris causing the dam to become less economically viable and costlier to maintain. In the SEPA DEIS Appendix F page F-10, it states:

“However, in recent years, changes in forest practices to avoid harvesting and road building on unstable ground have improved the management of areas and reduced the potential of landslides (Dubé 2016).”

Contrary to the above statement, current forest practice regulations have done nothing to reduce the risk of landslides from occurring above the FRE dam site. It is business as usual for Weyerhaeuser constructing roads and clearcutting timber stands on excessively steep slopes (but wait, this is not supposed to happen according to the current Forest Practice Rules). As shown in Image 1 on page 16, taken in 2016 of the upper Chehalis watershed; a picture speaks a thousand words. This image needs to be included in the EIS report showing landslide threats from poor forest practices still exist and are considerably worse than in 2007. This image clearly reveals how deficient forest practice regulations are in this area as it shows significant clear-cuts continuing to occur on steep unstable slopes.

According to a report by Washington State Department of Natural Resources:¹²

“Most landslides appeared to have started as debris avalanches and either ended downhill or transformed into debris flows. Many of the deposits created temporary dams in streams that later burst, creating debris torrents or debris flows downstream. Many of the debris torrents and debris flows, once deposited into a main channel, incorporated into the main river flow and, on some of the oblique photos, appear to have formed into hyper concentrated flows.”

The landslides, debris flows, debris torrents and hyper concentrated flows were the result of poor forest practices conducted by Weyerhaeuser in the headwaters of the

¹¹ From the 2008 DNR “Landslide Reconnaissance Following the Storm Event of December 1–3, 2007, in Western Washington” report; https://www.dnr.wa.gov/Publications/ger_ofr2008-5_dec2007_landslides.pdf

¹² https://www.dnr.wa.gov/Publications/ger_ofr2008-5_dec2007_landslides.pdf

Chehalis River. What changes will be required of Weyerhaeuser to protect the forests, tributaries and rivers in the headwaters of the Chehalis?

Could debris flow and debris dam failures upstream of the reservoir result in overtopping of the FRE dam? What are the likelihoods of this event occurring? What safeguards would be put in place to keep the FRE dam overflow spillway from being blocked by debris and log jams?

Earthquakes

Exactly how will the FRE dam be designed to withstand an earthquake of magnitude 6 to 7? What about the overdue magnitude 9.0+ Cascadia subduction zone earthquake? How many people would be impacted in the entire inundation zone of a dam failure from Pe Ell to Aberdeen? Who will be held accountable for dam failure? Who would be responsible for the following costs associated with dam failure, damage and loss to public and private property, loss of life, loss of livestock, damage and loss of public and private infrastructure?

The FRE dam foundation is being designed with future expansion in mind and the DEIS states an earthquake occurring while the FRE dam reservoir is full is very unlikely.¹³ However, the future FRE-FC dam would have a permanent reservoir. This means, when the dam is fully expanded, the likelihood of an earthquake occurring while the reservoir is full is 100%. How will the FRE dam foundation be built to allow the future FRE-FC dam to withstand a major earthquake knowing that failure of FRE-FC dam would result in catastrophic downstream flooding due to the permanent reservoir?

Vegetation

The reservoir footprint area of the FRE dam will require the removal of all riparian vegetation and upland vegetation that provide habitat for wildlife and aquatic organisms. The removal of riparian habitat along the river will cause extreme temperatures for salmonids and other aquatic life, increase erosion & sedimentation, and will cause a loss of nutrients & large woody debris from the system. This is a death sentence for salmonids and other aquatic organisms occupying the reservoir footprint section of the river. How will **significant and unavoidable** adverse environmental impacts on wetlands, wetland buffers, streams, and stream buffers be mitigated?

In Appendix O, page O-64 of the SEPA DEIS, the report states:

*“The plan must include restoration options that provide **no net loss** of ecological functions for the streams and stream buffers impacted by construction and operational activities...”*

¹³ From DEIS Appendix F, table F-1 on page F-iv, in text on pages F-24 and F-26

- *The Applicant must ensure ecological functions are maintained in accordance with Lewis County Shoreline Master Program requirements and ratios. The mitigation will be a minimum of a one-to-one ratio for riparian corridor habitat to ensure **no net loss** of shoreline ecological function.”*

The consequences of removing/killing 847 acres of trees and vegetation will have a **total loss** of ecological functions for the streams and stream buffers. There will be a **net loss** resulting in significant adverse environmental impacts to the riverine ecological functions upstream and downstream of the reservoir. How will **no net loss** be accomplished?

Wetlands

In Appendix O, page O-66 of the SEPA DEIS, the report states:

*“Wetlands and waterbodies would continue to experience **substantial flood risks** under the Local Actions Alternative.”*

This is an incredibly absurd statement! According to the Environmental Protection Agency:¹⁴

*“Wetlands are important features in the landscape that provide numerous beneficial services for people and for fish and wildlife. Some of these services, or functions, include protecting and improving water quality, providing fish and wildlife habitats, **storing floodwaters** and maintaining surface water flow during dry periods.*

*Wetlands function as natural sponges that trap and slowly release surface water, rain, snowmelt, groundwater and **flood waters**. Trees, root mats and other wetland vegetation also slow the speed of **flood waters** and distribute them more slowly over the floodplain. This combined water storage and braking action **lowers flood heights** and reduces erosion.”*

So how exactly would wetlands continue to experience “*substantial flood risks*” when wetlands are integral to floodplains and reduce flood risks by slowing and storing floodwaters?

Tribal

How can the NEPA state the construction and operations of the FRE dam “*Could impact tribal resources*”? The five-year construction process includes inferior trapping and hauling plans that will eliminate an entire run of genetically unique coho,¹⁵ and 60% of

¹⁴ <https://www.epa.gov/wetlands/why-are-wetlands-important>

¹⁵ Genetic information from WDFW 2020 Report, “*Population genetic analysis of Chehalis River watershed coho salmon (Oncorhynchus kisutch)*”; <https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/02132/wdfw02132.pdf>

spring/fall Chinook and winter steelhead (also genetically unique).¹⁶ The operation of the FRE dam results in removing/killing 847 acres of trees and vegetation resulting in a **total loss** of ecological functions for the streams and stream buffers. There will be a **net loss** resulting in significant adverse environmental impacts to the riverine ecological functions upstream and downstream of the reservoir. As mentioned before, this will increase water temperatures in the footprint of the temporary reservoir area up to 9°F and decrease dissolved oxygen, causing significant adverse environmental impacts to all aquatic life living in this section of the river. The FRE dam **will** impact culturally significant tribal resources by causing the demise and extinction of vital salmonid species in the headwaters of the Chehalis River!

Contributing Activities and Cumulative Impacts – Managed Forests

In Appendix 2, page 2-15 of the SEPA DEIS, the report states:

*“In the vicinity of the FRE facility and temporary reservoir and the Chehalis River where significant impacts are anticipated, managed forest practice operations, mainly commercial logging, would continue that are regulated through the Forest Practices Act (Chapter 76.09 RCW). Recent studies show that the current Forest Practices Rules (Title 222 WAC) limiting harvesting activities or improving conditions (i.e., existing forest roads) on unstable landforms **may be effective at reducing mass wasting during large storm events** (Dube 2016). It is anticipated that erosion and sediment delivery impacts on water quality from timber harvest activities would be minimized through the application of Forest Practices Act regulations.”*

These current Forest Practices Rules were in effect when the mass wasting and 1,600 landslides occurred on Weyerhaeuser managed forest lands in the 2007 storm event. How can the above statement, in bold, be made when it is totally false? Looks like these Forest Practice Rules, or lack of enforcing these rules, did nothing to reduce mass wasting and landslides during the 2007 storm event. As shown in Image 2 on page 17, showing the 2007 landslides above the proposed FRE dam.

During the February 9, 1996, flood event the Grand Mound gage reached 74,800 cfs (second highest on record), yet no mass wasting or landslide events occurred above the proposed FRE dam site. In 1996, approximately 95% of the watershed above the proposed FRE dam site was **forested**, thus more protected from landslides compared to the 2007 storm event. This is shown in Image 3 on page 18, showing the Upper Chehalis Watershed in 1996.

It is business as usual for Weyerhaeuser, the company is currently constructing roads and clearing cutting timber stands on excessively steep and unstable slopes (but what about those Forest Practice Rules?). See Image 2: 2016 Image Upper Chehalis Watershed. As one can see from this image harvesting and road building are

¹⁶ Reduction and loss of runs inferred from returning age classes. Genetic information from WDFW 2017 Report, “Population Genetic Analysis of Chehalis River Watershed Winter Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)”; <https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/01960/wdfw01960.pdf>

continuing on steep and unstable slopes. This image shows the current threat of landslides still exists, and it is even worse than it was in 2007. Where are the Forest Practice Rules, and the enforcement of these rules, to protect the area above the FRE dam site from mass wasting and landslides?

(404) Permit

The US Army Corps of Engineers failed to provide adequate alternatives or address and define mitigation elements to satisfy protocols of the clean water act and therefore does not meet the basic tests required to approve permitting.

NEPA Alternatives

NEPA offers the FRO as an alternative, which is essentially a smaller FRE. This is not a true alternative. Where are the alternatives NEPA is required to provide to the FRE project?

Image 1: 2016 Image of Upper Chehalis Watershed

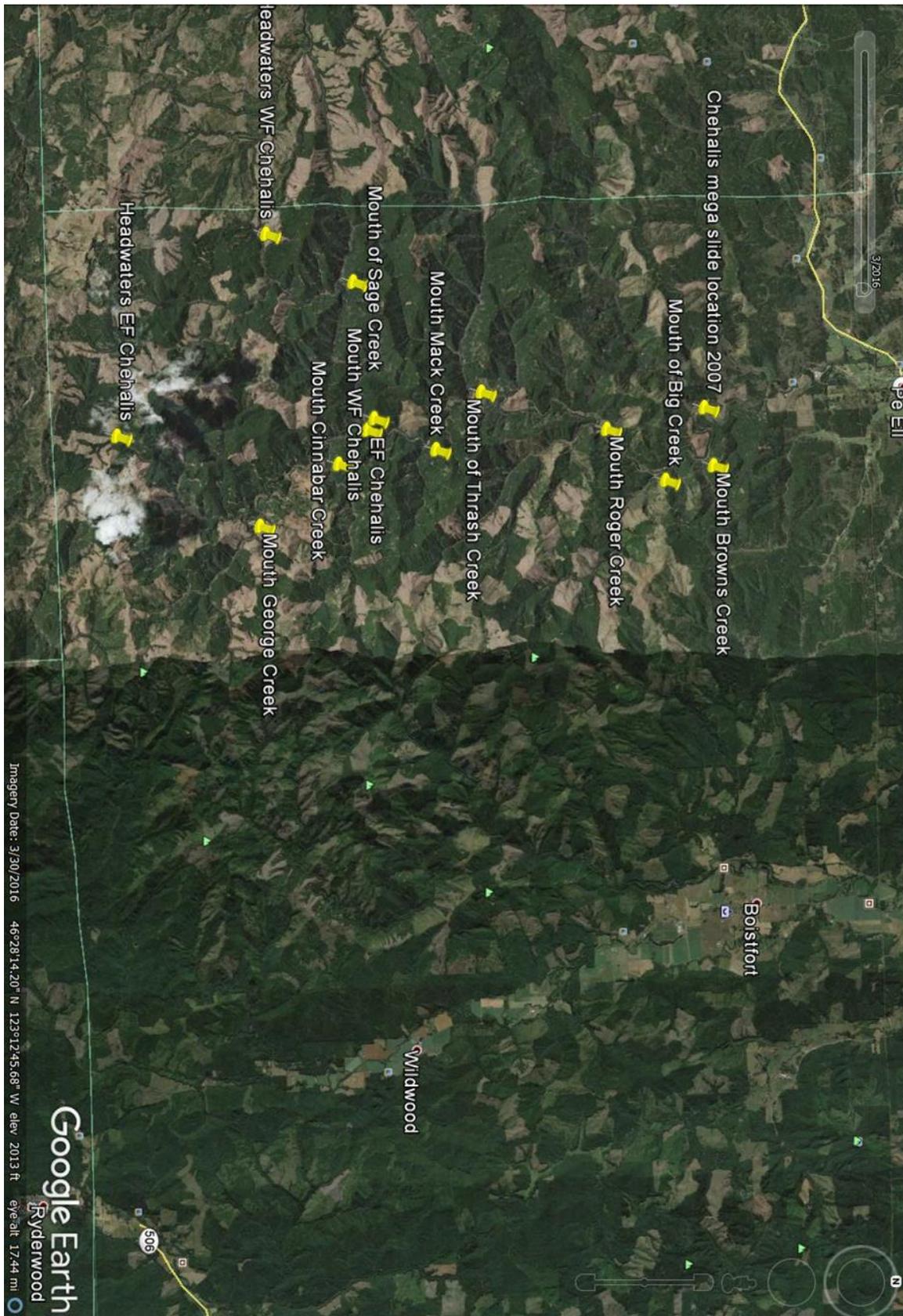


Image 2: 2007 Landslides - All red highlighted areas represent landslides from the 2007 Storm.

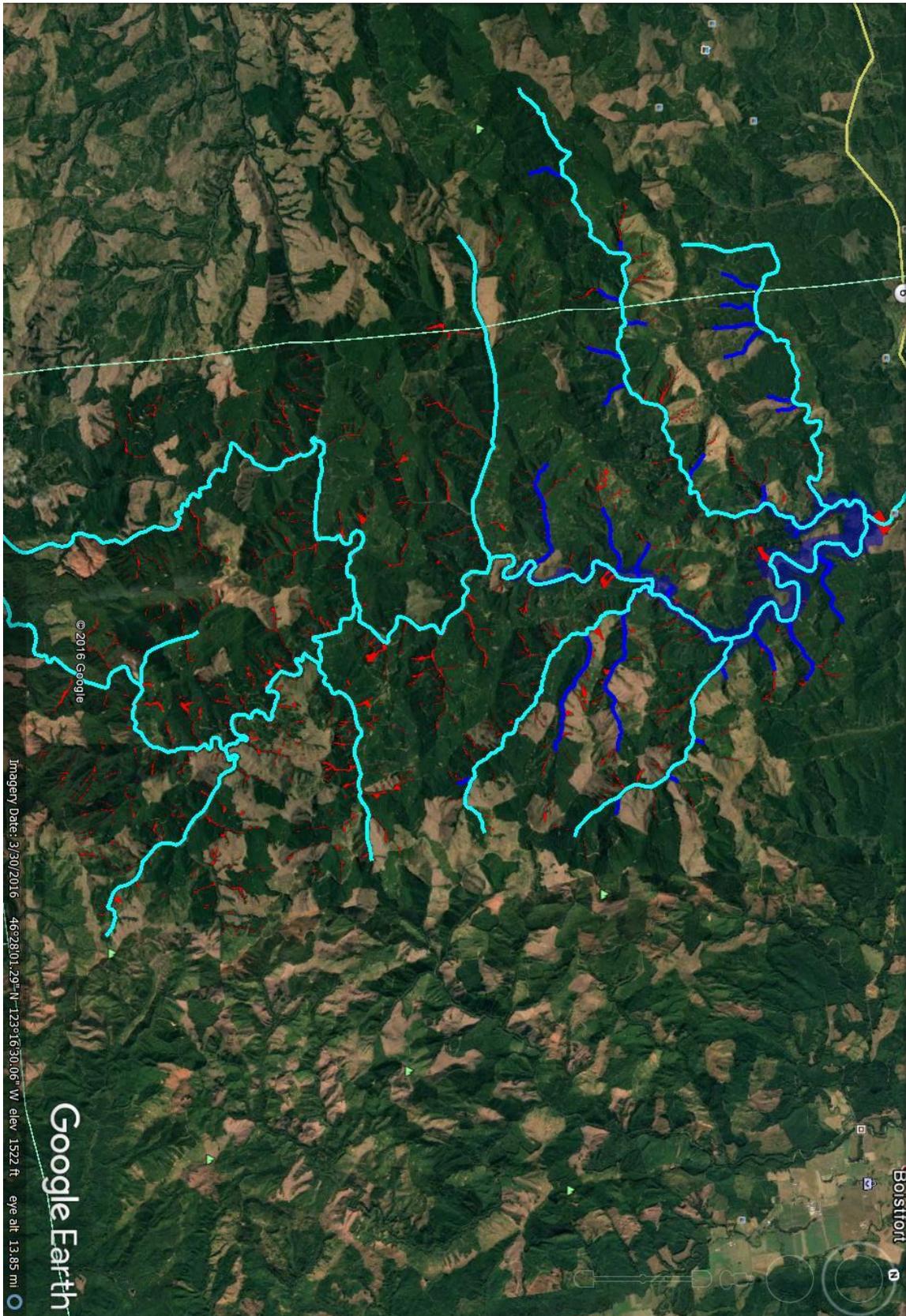


Image 3: 1996 Image of Upper Chehalis Watershed



Alternatives

WAC 197-11-440 states: “(b) Reasonable alternatives shall include actions that could feasibly attain or approximate a proposal's objectives, but at a lower environmental cost or decreased level of environmental degradation.”

Raising I-5

The SEPA DEIS report contains a list of alternatives considered but eliminated which included:

“*Chehalis River Basin I-5 Flood Protection Near Centralia and Chehalis* (WSDOT 2014)

This project would raise and widen I-5 using fill material in areas where the interstate falls below the desired flood protection elevation and widen I-5 from four to six lanes, and also would raise bridges with in the project to above flood elevations.”

The above mentioned WSDOT 2014 report lists *alternative 2 of raising and widening I-5*.¹⁷ The cost of this project was estimated to be \$450-550 million and considered cost prohibitive. How is this project considered cost prohibitive when the FRE dam is expected to cost \$400-600 million with yearly maintenance of \$628,000? Maintaining a raised and widened section of I-5 would not cost an additional \$628,000 a year over current maintenance costs. In fact, a raised and widened I-5 may have lower initial maintenance costs due to the brand-new improvements.

Concerning the alternatives, the SEPA DEIS report states:

“These alternatives were considered but not further analyzed in this EIS because they had higher environmental costs, were not economically feasible, or did not meet the Proposed Project objectives.”

The environmental cost of raising and widening I-5 would be far lower compared to the environmental costs associated with the FRE dam!

Apparently the I-5 widening and raising project **would be** economically feasible as it falls within the same cost range as the construction of the proposed FRE dam, but with added benefits of improved safety and mobility for the interstate travelers.

Raising and widening I-5 **does meet** the *Proposed Project* objectives as it prevents I-5 from flooding! This would include preventing flooding of the interstate from the Skookumchuck, Newaukum and South Fork Chehalis Rivers as well!

¹⁷

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/59de46d2d2b8572392209c3c/t/5c5b619bc830256fe3e8f5db/1549492647061/2014+WSDOT-I-5-Chehalis-Flood-Report_Final.pdf

Currently, on the WSDOT webpage,¹⁸ it lists an upcoming project called, “*I-5 Chamber Way – Stage 2 Project.*” This upcoming project aims to improve mobility and safety along I-5 from Mellen Street to SR 6 and is in the planning stages. This is the same section of I-5 that frequently floods. As was suggested in alternative 2 of the WSDOT 2014 report, why not raise and widen I-5 as part of this upcoming project?

Raising and widening I-5 to prevent flooding needs to be included as a viable alternative for the proposed FRE dam, either as part of the upcoming WSDOT project or as a stand-alone project. WSDOT needs to conduct a detailed scoping level study and cost estimate for the Chamber Way – Stage 2 project which includes widening and raising I-5. This needs to be considered as a viable alternative, especially considering the cost would be similar or less than the proposed FRE dam.

Elevating

Elevating homes and businesses and utilities above floodwater levels

Reconnecting the Floodplain

Replace undersized culverts to prevent flood water backups and allow flood waters to drain quickly.

Allow uninhabited floodplain areas to flood. This slows flood waters, recharges ground water and restores soils for agriculture.

Purchase Flood Prone Properties

Pay fair price to property owners willing to sell their property in the floodplain.

¹⁸ <https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i5/chamber-way/home>

From: [Fred Koontz](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Saturday, November 14, 2020 4:37:16 PM

Dear US Army Corps of Engineers Chehalis NEPA Process,

I am writing to provide my input on the Federal (NEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support 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. Furthermore, the lack of climate change modeling in the NEPA DEIS, coupled with the lack of alternatives offered in the document suggests the Corps and federal partners have not conducted a sufficient environmental review with the NEPA DEIS.

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 does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and could end up costing taxpayers upwards of \$628 million.

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 wild steelhead, Chinook, and coho salmon, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy, cultural heritage, and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, all of which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin.

Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement's shortcomings pose several notable problems:

- The DEIS fails to appropriately model for climate change, meaning the review underestimates the impacts on wild fish and what future environmental conditions will be.
- The DEIS fails to provide a cost-benefit analysis, which should have been included due to the project's scope.
- The DEIS fails to provide adequate alternatives or address and define mitigation elements to satisfy protocols of the Clean Water Act.

Given these deficiencies with the DEIS and the numerous additional problems with the proposed dam outlined above, I encourage the Army Corps to address these shortcomings and complete a more comprehensive analysis of this project. Furthermore, I encourage the Army Corps to work with state officials to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery.

Thank you for your work and for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,
Fred Koontz



From: [Alison Mohrbacher](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Saturday, November 14, 2020 4:49:35 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

RE: Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)

I am writing to provide my input on the Federal (NEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. I do not support the proposed strategy to build a large dam on the Chehalis River. This project would destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and Coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish. Furthermore, the lack of climate change modeling in the NEPA DEIS, coupled with the lack of alternatives offered in the document, suggests the Corps and federal partners have not done enough in the NEPA DEIS to gain my support since the release of the SEPA DEIS.

Rivers like the Chehalis and Skookumchuck and the lush riparian areas surrounding them act as highways for the diverse wildlife living in the Chehalis Basin. These highways allow animals to move around, find food and mates, and seek new habitat as our climate changes. Scientists have identified connections between 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. The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need at all, let alone propose how they could be mitigated. Building and operating the Flood Retention Facility and reservoir would also put additional pressures on endangered species like the marbled murrelet, as well as threaten sensitive amphibians and other small wildlife; animals that are already experiencing unprecedented impacts from other sources of habitat degradation.

While a massive new dam is unacceptable, neither is the status quo. I support the ongoing collaborative efforts of the Chehalis Basin Board, Tribes, and other stakeholders in developing an alternative strategy that supports flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains, and habitat.

Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and 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. We need out-of-the box solutions that do not force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife, and people.

Thank you,

Alison Mohrbacher




From: [Elise Wood](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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Elise Wood




From: [John Schuitemaker](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Saturday, November 14, 2020 7:43:26 PM

Dear US Army Corps of Engineers Chehalis NEPA Process,

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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 does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and could end up costing taxpayers upwards of \$628 million.

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 wild steelhead, Chinook, and coho salmon, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy, cultural heritage, and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, all of which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin.

Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement's shortcomings pose several notable problems:

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- The DEIS fails to provide adequate alternatives or address and define mitigation elements to satisfy protocols of the Clean Water Act.

Given these deficiencies with the DEIS and the numerous additional problems with the proposed dam outlined above, I encourage the Army Corps to address these shortcomings and complete a more comprehensive analysis of this project. Furthermore, I encourage the Army Corps to work with state officials to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery.

Thank you for your work and for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,
John Schuitemaker



From: [Michael Hassett](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Saturday, November 14, 2020 7:45:28 PM

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From: [Janine Vinton](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [Mary Solum](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 12:11:10 AM

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From: [Anna Bascom](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 1:01:50 AM

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From: [Amy Haymond](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 7:06:02 AM

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From: [KOBE PARRISH](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [Seth Mead](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:18:28 AM

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From: [Akiva Gebler](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:23:41 AM

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From: [Isaac Santos](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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Nils Johnson




From: [Elki Schinsky](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 11:33:12 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

RE: Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)

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This project would destroy hundreds of acres of ESSENTIAL forests, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and Coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish. Furthermore, the lack of climate change modeling in the NEPA DEIS, coupled with the lack of alternatives offered in the document, suggests the Corps and federal partners have not done enough in the NEPA DEIS to gain my support since the release of the SEPA DEIS.

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From: [Melinda Mueller](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 11:37:12 AM

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I am a biologist and biology instructor. I have live and worked in Washington State for 50 years. My scientific background includes field ecology and ecosystem science.

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From: [Jade Jones-Hawk](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 12:08:33 PM

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From: [Willow Nicolaides](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 12:10:02 PM

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From: [everette corbett](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 12:16:25 PM

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From: [Jeanie Murphy](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 1:10:38 PM

I am opposed to the Chehalis River Dam and here are my reasons:

The dam will be activated when a major flood is forecasted. The purpose is to not stop floods but to reduce flood impacts.

Here is what I would like to see instead of the dam:

1. Restore streamside forested areas that will provide trees and shrubs for shade to oxygenate the water for salmon and nutrients for the river.
2. Provide shrubs for streambank protection, to combat erosion
3. Create floodplain habitat and wetland restoration that will increase water storage and reduce water temperature, and create highly diverse fish and wildlife habitat.
4. Remove fish habitat barriers to improve access to upstream habitats
5. Create in-channel large wood restoration to increase cover and roughness, decrease channel incision, retain and sort sediments, create deep pools, and improve channel complexity and floodplain connectivity in strategic locations.

I would like you to keep me informed, and to know that my comments have been received.

Thank you,

Jeanie Murphy



Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Sage Sorensen](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 2:07:06 PM

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From: [Carolee Colter](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 4:14:57 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

RE: Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)

I am writing to provide my input on the Federal (NEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project.

I am opposed to building a large dam on the Chehalis River because it would destroy hundreds of acres of wildlife habitat, including the spawning grounds for Chinook and Coho salmon and steelhead.

Another criticism of the plan is the lack of alternatives.

The current Draft EIS fails to analyze impacts to the migratory routes and connected habitats wildlife need.

I do support the ongoing collaborative efforts of the Chehalis Basin Board, Tribes, and others to come up with an alternative strategy that supports flood mitigation and local communities while also restoring forests, floodplains, and habitat.

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Thank you,

Carolee Colter



From: [Emily McGee](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 4:21:50 PM

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Thank you,

Emily McGee




From: [Ann Rausch](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 4:51:23 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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From: [Tessa Yondorf](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 4:53:47 PM

Dear Corps,

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

The river basin is clearly in need of a comprehensive strategy to reduce flood damage and address salmon and steelhead declines. Unfortunately the current dam proposal from the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District will not comprehensively address either problem. Instead, it is an ill-advised attempt to solve deep-seated issues. It could end up costing taxpayers upwards of \$1 billion, while worsening fish populations and further encouraging development in the floodplain.

What the dam WON'T do:

- Prevent flood damage for residents throughout the basin
- Generate hydropower for Lewis County residents
- Supply irrigation water to Chehalis basin farmers
- Create new recreational fishing and boating opportunities

What the dam WILL do:

- Require significant logging and costly ongoing debris removal
- Drown six 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

Everyone agrees that we need to do more to help salmon and decrease the risk of flood damage. But science and common sense tell us that a dam is not the answer. This dam goes too far, costs too much, 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,
Tessa Yondorf

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From: [Oskar Bates](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 5:31:41 PM

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From: [stephanie.smith](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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stephanie.smith
[REDACTED]



From: [mason webb](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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mason webb




From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [James Mathews](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 6:45:12 PM

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James Mathews

[REDACTED]

From: [Michael Anderson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 7:46:17 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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From: [Dana Larson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 8:32:39 PM

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From: [Aisha swartz](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 8:53:50 PM

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Aisha swartz




From: [Ashton Kittleman](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:21:42 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Dick Stout](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:31:00 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 9:31:53 PM

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From: [Diane King](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Ruby Brownawell](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 10:07:17 PM

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From: [Nolan Hibbard-Pelly](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 10:23:58 PM

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From: [Brooks Barth](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 11:05:09 PM

Dear Corps,

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What the dam WON'T do:

- Prevent flood damage for residents throughout the basin
- Generate hydropower for Lewis County residents
- Supply irrigation water to Chehalis basin farmers
- Create new recreational fishing and boating opportunities

What the dam WILL do:

- Require significant logging and costly ongoing debris removal
- Drown six 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

Everyone agrees that we need to do more to help salmon and decrease the risk of flood damage. But science and common sense tell us that a dam is not the answer. This dam goes too far, costs too much, 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,

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Brooks Barth



From: [Jacob Mjaanes](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 11:13:57 PM

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From: [Bryan Jayne](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 11:15:06 PM

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Bryan Jayne




From: [Jessica Cziraky](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] not another Dam
Date: Sunday, November 15, 2020 11:35:04 PM

Hello, Washington State does not need another dam, flood mitigation can be achieved through smart development and river restoration, and Southern Resident orcas cannot afford to lose another source of prey!!!!!! Please stop making it harder and harder for our orca population to be restored!!!!!!

Sincerely,
Jessica Cziraky

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Wesley Petzinger](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 6:15:04 AM

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[REDACTED]

From: [Aurele LaMontagne](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 6:36:35 AM

Dear US Army Corps of Engineers Chehalis NEPA Process,

NO! Enough! Not one more dam in the name of flood control to accommodate thoughtless development of our floodplains and at the expense of one of the Nation's last remaining intact ecosystems and thriving steelhead runs. At this point USACE has proven to be the most destructive organization to the Nations rivers and its record on flood control is dismal. Just leave the Chehalis alone, use the dam money to acquire floodplain property for floodcontrol, and stop pretending there is an acceptable environmental impact from the dam. DO THE RIGHT THING AND CHOOSE THE NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE!!

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Aurele LaMontagne



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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 7:34:22 AM

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From: [Nicole Schroeter](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 7:55:51 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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From: [Ruth Matassarini](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:50:32 AM

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From: [Ashlee Mikkelsen](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Shiloh Halsey](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [Amanda Keasberry](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:14:15 AM

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From: [Cas Carroll](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [Connor McBride](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
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From: [Molly Bressers](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:28:15 AM

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From: [Jayden Long](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:40:12 AM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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Thank you for your work and for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,
Anthony Fallow



From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [David Van Cleve](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:46:44 AM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

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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 Environmental Impact Statement that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in a "high direct impact from loss of 6 miles of river no longer open for boating." The analysis also highlights the fact that the project would have "high direct impacts to anadromous salmonids" and particularly on spring-run Chinook at the Chehalis Basin scale. These represent unacceptable impacts that will directly impact my use and enjoyment of the Chehalis River. I have boated the Chehalis River many times over the years and I will really miss it when it is dammed.

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 toward solutions that do not rely on the failed approaches of the last century which we know are bad for fish and bad for the environment.

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David Van Cleve

[REDACTED]

From: [Nantz McMillen](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:47:33 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

RE: Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)

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Please address the impacts a proposed dam would have on migratory routes and habitat connectivity, as well as develop flood reduction and 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. We need out-of-the box solutions that do not force unacceptable trade-offs for fish, wildlife, and people.

Thank you,

Nantz McMillen




From: [Hannah Lerman](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:05:21 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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Thank you,

Hannah Lerman

From: [Justin Roberts](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:12:58 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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Justin Roberts




From: [Brandon Paul](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:22:06 AM

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From: [Jacob Paul](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:23:49 AM

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From: [Sharon Birks](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:28:36 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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From: [Justin Paul](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:31:03 AM

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From: [Greg Wright](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Keith Antell](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:42:28 AM

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From: [Damian Hannus](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:47:16 AM

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Damian Hannus



From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Derek Bocard](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:34:40 AM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

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Derek Bocard

[REDACTED]

From: [Dawn Isaacs](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:47:14 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

RE: Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)

The Federal (NEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project clearly shows potential habitat degradation and damage to the ecosystem if a dam were to be built on the Chehalis River. This is a vital ecosystem that will suffer greatly. Can you really give a green light to the destruction of hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, and degrade important spawning grounds for Chinook and Coho salmon as well as steelhead, Washington's beleaguered State Fish? This is your backyard. Please treat it as such with respect rather than eradication.

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Dawn Isaacs



From: [LAURENCE MAMMOSER](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:49:33 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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I OPPOSE building this dam!!

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Scott Vance](#)
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From: [Carla Davis](#)
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Shiloh Deitz



From: [Cheryl Carp](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 12:24:11 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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From: [Kayla Magers](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Laurel Viles](#)
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From: [Eden Pinero](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Eir Cheeka](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 12:45:56 PM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

RE: Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)

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From: [Jane Deitz](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 12:42:37 PM

Dear US Army Corps of Engineers Chehalis NEPA Process,

I am writing to provide my input on the Federal (NEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support 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. Furthermore, the lack of climate change modeling in the NEPA DEIS, coupled with the lack of alternatives offered in the document suggests the Corps and federal partners have not conducted a sufficient environmental review with the NEPA DEIS.

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 does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and could end up costing taxpayers upwards of \$628 million.

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 wild steelhead, Chinook, and coho salmon, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy, cultural heritage, and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, all of which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin.

Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement's shortcomings pose several notable problems:

- The DEIS fails to appropriately model for climate change, meaning the review underestimates the impacts on wild fish and what future environmental conditions will be.
- The DEIS fails to provide a cost-benefit analysis, which should have been included due to the project's scope.
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Given these deficiencies with the DEIS and the numerous additional problems with the proposed dam outlined above, I encourage the Army Corps to address these shortcomings and complete a more comprehensive analysis of this project. Furthermore, I encourage the Army Corps to work with state officials to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery.

Thank you for your work and for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,
Jane Deitz



From: [Dulci Hermosillo](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 1:13:44 PM

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[REDACTED]



From: [Karen Davis](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments Re: The Proposed Flood Retention Facility for the Chehalis River
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 1:36:00 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed “flood retention facility” for the Chehalis River and to support local action alternatives instead. This dam proposal only *partially* addresses one environmental concern, while creating a whole host of new environmental catastrophes. *That is NOT a solution.* We need to look for answers that are a win for everyone involved – not create MORE problems, which is exactly what this proposal would do.

We are seeing keystone species like salmon and steelhead being driven to extinction by human activities. Their numbers are already declining even without this dam. So that means we must work *even harder* to restore the habitat for these crucial species, not put the final nail in their coffin by building this misguided facility! This is our habitat, too. This is OUR ecosystem. And like it or not, we rely on it to sustain us.

We have learned over and over the environmental damage that dams cause to ecosystems. The Chehalis is an undammed river. This is a prime opportunity to learn from our past mistakes. Let’s forge a new path towards a future that will allow our children, our grandchildren, the fish, the orcas and all the others who reside in this ecosystem to HAVE a future. Let’s learn how to live in harmony with our environment, not conquer and strangle it. That never works and serves no one in the end.

Take those hundreds of millions of dollars you’ve proposed for this dam, and use it to employ people to think of smart, sustainable solutions for managing the forests so that they retain soil during heavy rains instead of causing landslides and catastrophic floods. Take those hundreds of millions of dollars and use it to help people relocate out of the flood plain instead of issuing more building permits IN the flood plain so that it somehow justifies the need for a dam. We have created this problem with our ignorance and naivete. It’s time to learn from our mistakes. It’s time to think outside the box and work WITH nature, not against it.

Go back to the drawing board and come up with a REAL solution that takes the environment and our threatened and endangered species into account, as well as the tribes, fishermen, the orcas and all the others who would be harmed by its construction.

Thank you,

Karen Davis

From: [Fenella Raymond](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 1:47:00 PM

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From: [spirit.miska](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [David Joyce](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Applicant: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District (NWS-2014-1118)
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From: [Sarah Hammond](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 2:43:50 PM

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From: [John Mikenis](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 3:00:36 PM

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From: [Aruna T](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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Thank you,

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From: [Kendal Scott](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 5:49:49 PM

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Russell Patterson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 5:53:37 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] No new dam on the Chehalis River!
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 6:15:42 PM

Dear Chehalis Dam Project - Army Corp of Engineers,

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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] No new dam on the Chehalis River!
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 6:25:58 PM

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From: [Denise Link](#) [REDACTED] [Sent You a Personal Message](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] No new dam on the Chehalis River!
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 6:29:32 PM

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From: [Stacia Haley](#)  [Sent You a Personal Message](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] No new dam on the Chehalis River!
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 6:43:03 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] No new dam on the Chehalis River!
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From: Dolores Kueffler [REDACTED] [Sent You a Personal Message](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] No new dam on the Chehalis River!
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 6:51:17 PM

Dear Chehalis Dam Project - Army Corp of Engineers,

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [David Earle](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 6:55:14 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Nickolas Dyer](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 7:06:09 PM

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Sincerely,
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From: [Amy Rafn](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
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From: [Gracen Bayer](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 7:28:52 PM

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From: [Wendy Bayer](#)
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From: [Emily Gibbons](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [Carol Kochta](#) [REDACTED] [Sent You a Personal Message](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] No new dam on the Chehalis River!
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 7:48:54 PM

Dear Chehalis Dam Project - Army Corp of Engineers,

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From: [Jordie Simpson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] No new dam on the Chehalis River!
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:09:07 PM

Dear Chehalis Dam Project - Army Corp of Engineers,

My wife and I live in Chehalis. We've done eagle surveys in the Upper Chehalis drainage, hunted for salamanders with WDFW personnel, kayaked the Wynoochee, and pedaled along the River via the Willapa Hills Trail. I volunteered on the Chehalis Basin Partnership for a few years. We own property along Coal Creek. In 2000 we were sponsored by the Lewis Conservation District to repair a salmon-blocking culvert on our property. We've reared coho fry in an RSI that the Chehalis Tribe loaned us, and threw salmon carcasses into the creek for nutrient enhancement.

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Pamela Rodden](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] No new dam on the Chehalis River!
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:44:15 PM

Dear Chehalis Dam Project - Army Corp of Engineers,

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From: [mary burrell](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Chehalis river basin damage reduction project
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 8:52:09 PM

To whom concerns

I have been being informed and informing myself of the above mentioned project.

I have been informed of both approaches to mitigating the flooding and resulting damage in the Chehalis basin. I am a Portland resident so what happens on I-5 ,esp within 200 miles of Portland impacts my life and travel.

I have spent some years in the environmental community; enjoying and appreciating the “ great outdoors”. These projects are of interest to me. We cannot always, as environmentalists, ignore the necessity of human intervention to make our society “ hum”. The closure of I-5 for even brief periods is a serious disruption of commerce and life. And unacceptable.

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This Chehalis situation is tailor made to try this holistic approach. Although it is a substantial river basin drainage system, it is not the Willamette River or the Mississippi.

It is an area adequately populated to gauge the impacts of a more holistic approach on human systems. The alternative to a traditional dam has been thoroughly studied AND supported by many stakeholders. This is actually the perfect opportunity for the ACE to experiment with a more modern, environment respecting project. If we do not attempt this approach in a nicely sized area, we will NEVER know what those benefits are or could be. As a society, we need to plunge in and try this; it has been well researched. It is the perfect opportunity to do so. We have seen too often the negative impacts to our world of building dams. Let’s step back and think more fully about this. Open our eyes. There are, apparently, possible alternatives. Let’s give those alternatives the regard they deserve, maybe put them into action. We have nothing to lose, in this nicely sized river basin, other than increased experience and knowledge. Making those Indians happy is a wonderful byproduct. They DESERVE to have more powerful entities respect their traditional lands. They know what they are agitating about.

Sincerely
Doran Burrell
Sent from my iPad

From: [Dan Johnson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Amelia Brower](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:04:13 PM

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From: [Diane Sullivan](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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From: [Anita Bryant](#) [REDACTED] [Sent You a Personal Message](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] No new dam on the Chehalis River!
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:28:42 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:31:45 PM

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From: [Cathlyn Wright](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 9:35:55 PM

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From: [Isaac Korman](#)
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From: [Anders Korman](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Lena Miltimore](#)
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Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:11:02 PM

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From: [Elspeth Charno](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Patrick MacQuarrie](#)
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From: [Vince](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Final Comment on NEPA draft EIS
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 10:59:39 PM
Attachments: [JVP-8 App H Inadequate Aggregate for Dam Construction.docx](#)

Attached is my final comment on the NEPA draft EIS.

It is numbered JVP-8 and deals with rock quarries (1) quantity of rock available, (2) quality of rock available and (3) disposition of quarry overburden inside the footprint of the FRE reservoir.

Thanks for your attention.

If you have any difficulty with the attached file, please contact me immediately.

Vince Paneko

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From: [Kathryn Lambros](#) [REDACTED] [Sent You a Personal Message](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] No new dam on the Chehalis River!
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 12:49:43 AM

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From: [Jacqui Alberts](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 1:13:27 AM

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Jacqui Alberts




From: [Sara Kiner](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 2:46:45 AM

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From: [Mary Marsh](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 5:03:36 AM

Dear US Army Corps of Engineers Chehalis NEPA Process,

I am writing to provide my input on the Federal (NEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support 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. Furthermore, the lack of climate change modeling in the NEPA DEIS, coupled with the lack of alternatives offered in the document suggests the Corps and federal partners have not conducted a sufficient environmental review with the NEPA DEIS.

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 does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and could end up costing taxpayers upwards of \$628 million.

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 wild steelhead, Chinook, and coho salmon, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy, cultural heritage, and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, all of which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin.

Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement's shortcomings pose several notable problems:

- The DEIS fails to appropriately model for climate change, meaning the review underestimates the impacts on wild fish and what future environmental conditions will be.
- The DEIS fails to provide a cost-benefit analysis, which should have been included due to the project's scope.
- The DEIS fails to provide adequate alternatives or address and define mitigation elements to satisfy protocols of the Clean Water Act.

Given these deficiencies with the DEIS and the numerous additional problems with the proposed dam outlined above, I encourage the Army Corps to address these shortcomings and complete a more comprehensive analysis of this project. Furthermore, I encourage the Army Corps to work with state officials to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery.

Thank you for your work and for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,
Mary Marsh



From: [PATRICIA SIMON](#) [REDACTED] [Sent You a Personal Message](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] No new dam on the Chehalis River!
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 5:41:48 AM

Dear Chehalis Dam Project - Army Corp of Engineers,

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From: [Margaret Baker](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 6:52:21 AM

To the Army Corps of Engineers and Anchor QEA:

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From: [Carson Whitehill](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 7:18:50 AM

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Sincerely,

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From: [Katrina Gimbel](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 7:31:11 AM

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Sincerely,
Katrina

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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [Matt Goodwin](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on Proposed Chehalis River Dam
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 7:34:15 AM

Dear EIS Manager Brandon Clinton,

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There are many resources at the local, state and federal level to find innovative solutions to this tough problem and a great opportunity to find a better way forward than simply damming the river only to achieve poor results.

Sincerely,
Matt Goodwin

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From: [Michael Koerner](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 7:38:09 AM

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From: [Debra Ellers](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project Draft EIS comments
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 7:52:02 AM

I am a resident of Port Townsend, WA. As a WA resident, I am vitally concerned about the health of our region and its wildlife, especially threatened and endangered species such as salmon, marbled murrelets and Southern Resident Orcas. I am also concerned about the health of our rivers, oceans, forests and regional communities, and the rights of native people who have lived on this land for thousands of years.

The proposed Chehalis dam would adversely impact ecological and tribal values. The era of building big dams is over. Washington should not be considering building a new dam on the Chehalis River for flood control, but instead on restoring natural processes to protect against flooding. In an era of climate change, destroying an intact stream and riparian area like the upper Chehalis River is especially egregious.

A huge expenditure of public funds would be needed to get this dam built. A better use of this public money would be restoration and mitigation that would benefit the public, like planting trees in the degraded headwaters, purchasing development rights to protect floodplains from further development, relocating I-5 and constructing levees where essential.

A dam on the Chehalis would threaten salmon and steelhead species that are already in trouble. This will in turn harm the critically endangered Southern Resident killer whales, which depend on salmon for their survival. Salmon from the Chehalis River are listed among NOAA's 15 priority stocks for Southern Residents. These orcas are increasingly staying off the Pacific Coast rather than the Salish Sea in their hunt for food. With only 72 Southern Resident Orcas left in the wild, they are literally on the edge of extinction, and are suffering malnutrition and reproductive failure from lack of salmon. The starving SR Orcas cannot afford to lose even one more salmon from their forage base.

Dam construction would cause direct habitat loss for species like fish and amphibians, changes to landcover types, and fragmentation limiting access to riparian corridors for large carnivores, ungulates and

other native wildlife.

Dam construction would also affect sacred and cultural sites of key importance to the Chehalis Tribe. Salmon and steelhead are central to both the cultures of the Chehalis and Quinault Tribes. Both the Chehalis and Quinault Tribes have formally opposed the proposed dam itself. WA state should respect this tribal sovereignty and adopt an alternative that is acceptable to these Tribes.

My conclusion is that the US Army Corps should recommend a “no dam” alternative. 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 yours,

Debra Ellers

From: [Kendra Hall](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 7:54:00 AM

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From: [Karen Gimbel](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:03:29 AM

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From: [April Brown](#) [REDACTED] [Sent You a Personal Message](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] No new dam on the Chehalis River!
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:10:26 AM

Dear Chehalis Dam Project - Army Corp of Engineers,

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From: [Troy Cunlisk](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:30:38 AM

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From: [Aleksandra Jasinska Marquez](#)
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:53:29 AM

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From: [Andrea Berkley](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:55:28 AM

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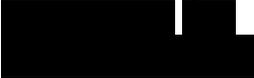
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From: [Andres Calzada](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:27:40 AM

Dear Corps,

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With great power comes great responsibility. Just because we can dam a river, doesn't mean we should. There is always a win-win solution, and I'm hoping we can all work together to find that.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely,
Andres Calzada



From: [Kellan Howes](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:36:21 AM

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From: [Natalie Wilson](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Zoe Milatz](#)
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From: [Santiago Portilla](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:17:03 AM

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From: [Liann sundquist](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
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[REDACTED]



From: [Asha McElfresh \(\[REDACTED\] \) Sent You a Personal Message](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] No new dam on the Chehalis River!
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:49:10 AM

Dear Chehalis Dam Project - Army Corp of Engineers,

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

Sincerely,

Asha McElfresh
[REDACTED]

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From: [Susan Schaefer](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
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From: [Carol Lam](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Nic gunter](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 2:30:34 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 2:33:18 PM

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From: [John Weeks \(\[REDACTED\] \) Sent You a Personal Message](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] No new dam on the Chehalis River!
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 2:38:06 PM

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From: [Mieke Peters](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 2:45:06 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 3:00:11 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
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Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 4:20:39 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Ella Bayer](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 7:08:27 PM

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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To: [Chehalis](#)
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From: [Damien Hickey](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:31:37 PM

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Thank you,

Damien Hickey



From: [Sophia McCallum-Spalaris](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Flood Retention Facility Community Comment
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:36:02 PM

Hello, my name is Sophie, I work on a farm in Rochester, WA which the Chehalis river runs right through. I have seen the abundance and life-giving resources this river provides for all species in our community and the harm that can happen when it floods.

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To: [Chehalis](#)
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[REDACTED]



From: [August Davis](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Public Comment, Flood Retention Facility
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 8:45:49 PM

Hello,

My name is August and I am a citizen of Thurston County. I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed Flood Retention Facility for the Chehalis River, and urge you to pursue alternative actions instead.

The Chehalis is an undammed river. Keystone species like salmon and steelhead are being driven to extinction by human activities. We have seen time and time again the environmental damage of damming a river system. The health of our riparian ecosystems are declining even without this dam. Our salmon play a vital role in these ecosystems, so we must work even harder to restore the habitat for these crucial species, not further accelerate their demise by building this harmful facility.

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From: [Stella Davis](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Don't dam the Chehalis
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:19:32 PM

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From: [Luan Pinson \[REDACTED\]](#) [Sent You a Personal Message](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] No new dam on the Chehalis River!
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:35:34 PM

Dear Chehalis Dam Project - Army Corp of Engineers,

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

Sincerely,

Luan Pinson
[REDACTED]

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From: [Melissa Hinwood](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
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Melissa Hinwood
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From: [Nicole Knuebel](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:46:59 PM

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From: [August Ashmun](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Please Protect the Chehalis River from this Misguided Dam Proposal
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:03:25 PM

Dear US Army Corps of Engineers Chehalis NEPA Process,

I am writing to provide my input on the Federal (NEPA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project. While I strongly support 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. Furthermore, the lack of climate change modeling in the NEPA DEIS, coupled with the lack of alternatives offered in the document suggests the Corps and federal partners have not conducted a sufficient environmental review with the NEPA DEIS.

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 does not sufficiently address the flooding problem, would dramatically accelerate the decline of wild fish populations, and could end up costing taxpayers upwards of \$628 million.

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 wild steelhead, Chinook, and coho salmon, further endangering these struggling fish populations that are vital to the basin's economy, cultural heritage, and environment. The project would also destroy hundreds of acres of quality forest, riparian habitat, and wetlands, all of which are essential for the diverse wildlife populations living in the Chehalis Basin.

Additionally, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement's shortcomings pose several notable problems:

- The DEIS fails to appropriately model for climate change, meaning the review underestimates the impacts on wild fish and what future environmental conditions will be.
- The DEIS fails to provide a cost-benefit analysis, which should have been included due to the project's scope.
- The DEIS fails to provide adequate alternatives or address and define mitigation elements to satisfy protocols of the Clean Water Act.

Given these deficiencies with the DEIS and the numerous additional problems with the proposed dam outlined above, I encourage the Army Corps to address these shortcomings and complete a more comprehensive analysis of this project. Furthermore, I encourage the Army Corps to work with state officials to develop a comprehensive solution that more effectively addresses the basin's challenges of flood control and fish recovery.

Thank you for your work and for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,
August Ashmun



From: [Jeffrey Venturino](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Stop the Proposed Chehalis Dam!
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:08:07 PM

Dear Corps,

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

The river basin is clearly in need of a comprehensive strategy to reduce flood damage and address salmon and steelhead declines. Unfortunately the current dam proposal from the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District will not comprehensively address either problem. Instead, it is an ill-advised attempt to solve deep-seated issues. It could end up costing taxpayers upwards of \$1 billion, while worsening fish populations and further encouraging development in the floodplain.

What the dam WON'T do:

- Prevent flood damage for residents throughout the basin
- Generate hydropower for Lewis County residents
- Supply irrigation water to Chehalis basin farmers
- Create new recreational fishing and boating opportunities

What the dam WILL do:

- Require significant logging and costly ongoing debris removal
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- Worsen the Chehalis River's existing water quality issues
- Increase the risk of future flood damage, if it triggers more floodplain development

Everyone agrees that we need to do more to help salmon and decrease the risk of flood damage. But science and common sense tell us that a dam is not the answer. This dam goes too far, costs too much, 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,

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Jeffrey Venturino



From: [John Hardy](#) [REDACTED] [Sent You a Personal Message](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] No new dam on the Chehalis River!
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 11:15:37 PM

Dear Chehalis Dam Project - Army Corp of Engineers,

I concur with the analysis in the Environmental Impact Statement that a new dam on the Chehalis River would result in high direct impacts to anadromous salmonids and particularly on spring-run Chinook at the Chehalis Basin scale. These represent unacceptable impacts that will directly impact our use and enjoyment of the Chehalis River.

The Chehalis River basin is clearly in need of a comprehensive strategy to address both salmon and steelhead declines and heavy flooding. 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 instead work toward solutions that do not rely on the failed approaches of the last century which we already know are bad for fish and bad for the environment.

Sincerely,

John Hardy

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From: [shannon Connor](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments regarding Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 11:47:44 PM

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Thank you,

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From: [Vince](#)
To: [Chehalis](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comments on NEPA draft EIS
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 1:50:49 PM
Attachments: [JVP-1 App H Geologic Failures.docx](#)
[JVP-2,3,4 App H Executive Summary.docx](#)
[JVP-5 App H Lester Creek Landslides Edited.docx](#)
[JVP-6 App H Spoil Piles Final Edited.docx](#)
[JVP-7 App H Failure of WAC 173-175-130\(4\)\(g\) and \(h\).docx](#)

Attached you will find the following 5 files containing my comments on the NEPA draft EIS.

1. JVP-1 Appendix H, Comments on Geologic Failures
2. JVP-2, JVP-3, JVP-4 Appendix H, Comments on Executive Summary
3. JVP-5, Appendix H, Lester Creek Landslides
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5. JVP-7, Appendix H, Failure to Implement State Dam Safety Requirements.

If you have any difficulty receiving these files, please contact me immediately.

I have one more comment which I will send later this afternoon.

Thanks,

Vince Paneko

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Commenter: Kelly Parrish
Affiliation:
Method of Comment: Voice Mail
Date: 11/15/2020

Comment

This is Kelly Parrish at [REDACTED]. I'm in protest of this dam being built on the Chehalis because it's a violation of the active treaty that the Chehalis people have to retain their traditional hunting and fishing grounds and putting a dam on the Chehalis River would severely damage the salmon habitats which are already damaged and diminished and if this dam is in place it will prevent the salmon from spawning and going upstream and therefore affect the upper Chehalis people and their food source. This cannot be done. It won't happen. It will not happen.

November 16, 2020

Brandon Clinton, Project Manager
US Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch
Post Office Box 3755
Seattle, WA 98124-3755

Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project
c/o Anchor QEA 6720 South Macadam Street, Suite 125
Portland, Oregon 97219

RE: My comments on proposed Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project, Draft Environmental Impact Statement under National Environmental Policy Act; Application for a Department of the Army Permit, NWS-2014-1118

Dear Mr. Clinton and Chehalis River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Project:

I am a long-time resident of Thurston County. I love the Chehalis River including the Black River and its tributaries. Up until last summer, I ranked the upper Wynoochee River (above the Wynoochee Dam) as having the most beautiful water color and habitat in the Chehalis Watershed. But last fall, I had the chance to stand at the mouth of Crim Creek where it flows into the Chehalis mainstem upstream of the Town of Pe Ell. An American Dipper residing there, called out its praise, and the clean, cold waters pooling and riffing there reflected from light aqua to deep blue. Immediately, Crim Creek at its confluence became my favorite spot - and that spot would be 200 feet under the proposed flood retention dam!

I object to any new man-made flood retention structure on the Chehalis River. I reviewed the Chehalis NEPA. The significant adverse impacts for building a flood reduction structure (dam), as described in the Chehalis SEPA and NEPA, confirmed my personal reservations and solidified my objection.

Attending the excellent January 7, 2020, ASRP Symposium at Centralia Community College, I learned a lot about how the Chehalis River supports frogs, freshwater mussels, lampreys, salmon and many other diverse aquatic species. Presenting at the symposium were salmon researchers who showed photos and videos of diving into the pools in the upper Chehalis and finding many healthy salmon and steelhead rearing there. In fact, while the upper Chehalis represents only four percent of the overall watershed's space, it provides 15 percent of the spawning and rearing capacity for the Chehalis' wild Chinook and steelhead. The wild fish returning to the upper Chehalis have unique DNA.

I object to the dam on many levels. The first is adverse temperature change lethal to fish. It has been documented that a flood retention structure would raise water temperatures as the river would need to flow exposed for 12 miles without tree cover. A dam would "rob" one of the Chehalis basin watershed's only remaining cold water refugia zones for fish - a fact not lost on climate change analysts and all of us who are rooting for the survival of Spring Chinook and steelhead trout. There is no way to fully mitigate for biological damage to salmon and steelhead populations. A dam would cause significant impacts to water quality and river dynamics, negatively impacting fish species in the Chehalis River and the people and Orca who depend on them. As for four-footed creatures, a dam would cause disruption to a key wildlife corridor in the Willapa Hills.

I support the development of a comprehensive watershed-wide Flood Resilience Program that combines restoration of ecological functions of the watershed with rebuilding Chehalis River communities to allow them to coexist with floods. These collective alternatives should include buyout of properties in the floodplain, elevating houses, building livestock flood survival pads, and preventing additional floodplain development. The Chehalis River Aquatic Species Restoration Plan (ASRP) offers many recommendations that benefit both fish **and** flood control including replacement of blocking culverts, introduction of woody debris and engineered log-jams, and reconnecting flood plain migration channels, oxbows, and wetlands.

The soils in the upper Chehalis River are unstable and prone to landslides. Back when old growth trees grew in the Willapa Hills, there were fewer landslides as the old trees held moisture, filtered sediment, stabilized soils, and muted flooding. Currently the Weyerhaeuser timber company owns the land in the Willapa Hills. Any Google Earth view shows patchwork clearcutting and it's even possible to aerially view recent landslide scars. The cutting rotation is not long enough for the trees to grow old enough to retain water for longer colder filtered summer release, lessen the chance of landslides and sediment outflows, and mute flood events. To develop an effective comprehensive watershed-wide Flood Resilience Program, we will need farmers, homeowners, city, county, state, federal, and Tribal partners to chip in and do their part. Included in this mix is Weyerhaeuser. Weyerhaeuser will need to recognize that they shoulder unique public safety and flood control responsibilities, especially within their vast Willapa Hills holdings. The larger community needs to negotiate with Weyerhaeuser and press Weyerhaeuser to: 1) sell critical riparian properties in the upper Chehalis River and its tributaries, including West Fork Chehalis River and the East Fork Chehalis River so that the land can undergo habitat restoration

and long term conservation; 2) voluntarily triple the width of timber harvest riparian setbacks in Type Np seasonal streams (to at least to 250 feet) and Type F year-around fish bearing streams (to at least 500+ feet) beyond the minimum stream buffer setbacks required under the state's DNR forest practices laws https://www.dnr.wa.gov/publications/fp_fpi_timberharvest.pdf?ykjo0h; and 3) commit, as a corporation and as a watershed partner, to significantly increase the timber rotation cycle in the Willapa Hills to reduce the impacts of catastrophic atmospheric river rain events.

Finally, I respect the cultural and scientific perspectives of the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation and the Quinault Indian Nation. I agree with Tribal conclusions that the Army Corps of Engineers and the Washington Department of Ecology should use its substantive authority under NEPA and SEPA to deny the proposed Chehalis Basin Flood Reduction dam building project and focus efforts to address flood damage in the Chehalis basin on further developing and implementing a non-dam alternative that is compatible with aquatic species habitat restoration.

Thank you


Martin McCallum

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