

## Businesses

BUSINESS NAME	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	DATE
Aldrich Berry Farm & Nursery, Inc	Glenn	Aldrich	10/17/2016
Bridgetown Furniture	Brenda	Galarza	10/16/2016
Chehalis Centralia Veterinary Hospital	Mark	Giffey	11/14/2016
Chehalis Industrial Commission (Board Member), Chehalis Foundation (President), business owner	Tim	Sayler	10/19/2016
Coalview Centralia, LLC	Roger	Fish	11/14/2016
Fairway Center	Larry	Robertson	10/27/2016
Fairway Center	Larry	Robertson	10/18/2016
Furrow Horse Farm	Caitlin	Arnold	11/14/2016
Grays Harbor Carbon Fiber Composite Technologies, LLC	Edward	Perrotti	10/6/2016
Grays Harbor Carbon Fiber Composite Technologies, LLC	Edward	Perrotti	10/8/2016
Grays Harbor Coalition for Infrastructure	Claudia	Woodward- Rice	10/18/2016
Hamilton Rocking & Contracting Inc.	Reggie	Hamilton	10/26/2016
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Chehalis	Todd	Chaput	10/18/2016
Industrial Park at TransAlta	Allyn	Roe	11/14/2016
Lakeside Industries, Inc.	Richel	Perkins	10/18/2016
Lewis County Bar Legal Aid	Carolyn	Hipps	10/18/2016
Lewis County Economic Development Council	Matt	Matayoshi	10/13/2016
Newaukum Valley Ranch/private citizen	Colleen	Mauel	10/18/2016
Redde Autoglass	Judith	Redden	10/16/2016
Rose's Furniture	Linda And Roger	Rose	10/21/2016
Security State Bank Manager and United Way of Lewis County	Amy	Howlett	10/27/2016
Sunbird Shopping Center	Ron	Sturza	10/20/2016
Three Rivers Marine	Andrew	Moravec	10/19/2016
Twin Cities Rotary	Anil	Puri	11/14/2016
Umpqua Bank	John	Abe	10/14/2016
Willapa Hills Farm & Willapa Hills Cheese (owner). Volunteer member of Lewis County Planning Commission	Stephen	Hueffed	10/19/2016
Zebra Computers	Michael	Painter	10/27/2016

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**From:** info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com on behalf of Chehalis Basin Strategy  
<info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 17, 2016 8:12 AM  
**To:** info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com  
**Subject:** EIS Comment Form

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**First Name:** Glenn  
**Last Name:** Aldrich  
**Organization:** Aldrich Berry Farm & Nursery, Inc  
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Mossyrock, 98564  
United States of America  
**Phone:** 360-983-3138  
**Email:** galdrich@tds.net

ALTERNATIVE 1 IS, BY FAR, THE BEST CHOICE. It has 1) Basin-wide community support, 2) is most economical, 3) a positive cost-benefit, including economic benefits of the total I-5 corridor. THIS IS THE BEST CHOICE.

**Comments:** Alternative 5 has been shown to be of negative value over many years' of flooding experiences and a reasonably expected future BECAUSE OF THE MANY NEGATIVE EFFECTS, THIS CHOICE SHOULD NOT BE USED.

Alternative 4 is 1) extremely controversial 2) most expensive of the options, and offers no positive economic benefits for anyone. THIS OPTION SHOULD BE DISCARDED.

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**First Name:** brenda

**Last Name:** galarza

**Organization:** Bridgetown Furniture

**Address:** 465 NW Prindle St  
WASHINGTON Chehalis  
United States of America

**Phone:** 3609964692

**Email:** nascar109@comcast.net

**Comments:** I agree option 1 is the best alternative.  
Option 2 and 3 do not have much benefit.  
Option 4 would be my 2nd choice although I don't believe the Government should be paying to move people out of housing that some of them chose to purchase.

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**First Name:** Mark  
**Last Name:** Giffey  
**Organization:** Chehalis Centralia Veterinary Hospital  
**Address:** 1214 N W State Ave  
Chehalis, washington 98532  
United States of America  
**Phone:** 360-269-0595  
**Email:** ccvh@localaccess.com

**Comments:** WE strongly support the Alternative One. It does the most "Good" for flood control and fish protection. I have lived or owned a business in the Chehalis Basin for 60 years. I have witnessed the record floods only getting higher and higher over decades. Alternative One does not push flood waters onto my neighbors. I do not want to become protected and in the process worsen someone else's damage as some of the other Alternatives would do. Alternative Four spends a lot of money, removes prime agriculture farmlands from production resulting in uncalculated economic costs not listed in the EIS, and does little to reduce flood damage to the residents of the Chehalis Basin and the economic damage to the State of Washington when Interstate 5 is closed. Promoters of Alternative Four clearly have not honestly worked for the greater good for the Chehalis Basin and the State of Washington.

In my review of the EIS I did not see any mention to the Schookumchuck Dam's possible role in flood damage reduction. While a modification to the dam was proposed a significant time ago to the top of the dam to hold flood waters back it did not meet a cost analysis criteria by the Army Corps. Now that the Centralia Coal Steam Plant is schedule for closing and the remaining gas turbines consume much less water. A investigation should be made into the Schookumchuck dam to see if more of the reservoir could be used for flood control efforts once the steam plant closes.

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**First Name:** Tim

**Last Name:** Sayler

**Organization:** Business owner, Pres.-Chehalis Foundation, board member-Chehalis Indust. Commission

**Address:** 1320 NW State Ave  
1320 NW State Ave  
Chehalis  
United States of America

**Phone:** 360-269-6575

**Email:** servsaw@localaccess.com

**Comments:** Option #1 (water retention etc) would be the only way to achieve long lasting results for flood protection and fish enhancement. The other options while helpful in some ways could inevitably fail to succeed if our "100 year" floods continue to eclipse past "100 year" floods.

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**First Name:** Roger

**Last Name:** Fish

**Organization:** Coalview Centralia, LLC

**Address:** 1044 Big Hanaford Road  
Centralia, Washington 98531  
United States of America

**Phone:** 3607537100

**Email:** rfish@coalview.com

**Comments:** “Alternative 1” as defined in the Chehalis Basin Strategy EIS is the right approach for curtailing the economic and environmental effects of flooding in our area. Although flooding is a natural occurrence, there are steps we can take to prevent devastating property damage, potential loss of life and negative impacts to our aquatic species in the Chehalis River Basin. I fully support this alternative for several reasons.

- Alternative 1 has by far the best cost benefit ratio. Using the state's capital budget formula it returns \$1.6 dollars for every dollar invested. The other alternatives are significantly below that ratio and therefore should not be considered.
- Alternative 1 brings more certainty for economic development. The threat of flooding hinders our ability to promote and retain businesses due to the uncertainty that our historic flooding has created.
- We need the ability to retain a large portion of excess rainfall and release these waters at lower risk periods. None of the other alternatives provides this benefit. The ability to release waters into the river system during times of low river flow will also enhance fish and aquatic habitat.

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**First Name:** LARRY  
**Last Name:** ROBERTSON  
**Organization:** Fairway Center in Centralia  
**Address:** 1641 Ste 2 Kresky  
Centralia  
United States of America  
**Phone:** 360 736 5961  
**Email:** larry@fairwaycenter.com

**Comments:** Owners and I as Manager support the Reservoir type Dam it promotes the most significant flood prevention and Habitat restoration. It's the only way with out sending others our water, it will cool and keep the Chehalis River flowing benefiting the most species' possible with one action.  
We acknowledge that other and as many possible smaller projects must be done to aid this biggest step possible, the dam.  
This is our one opportunity to help ourselves and benefit with help from the state, separately as any city, and/or even the county we would never get or afford much of any project, certainly not such a large project done.  
It would be a catastrophic mistake to watch the state wall off I-5 from the flood, what would it take to ever get this opportunity once again.  
Let's all help ourselves and our neighbors and go for the Reservoir dam and smaller projects.  
Small band aids by themselves will never make a significant difference.  
Levies are the easiest to do and first to fail, why go where we watched the Army Corps of Engineers went, we booted them out of town, never high enough, never extended far enough.  
We have never had such an influential group of civic and political leaders go so far, they have worked hard, let's support them and get 100% on board and moving forward. It was a stroke of genius to band the state together for all our water woes. As a state the dam can happen, corrections to benefit eastern Washington water needs can happen, we have the numbers to make things happen as a unified group. Let's not let our leaders down!

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**To:** info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com  
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**First Name:** Larry  
**Last Name:** Robertson  
**Organization:** Fairway Center  
**Address:** PO Box 995  
Chehalis, Wa. 98532  
United States of America  
**Phone:** 360 736 5961  
**Email:**

**Comments:** There has been a lot of time, money, study, and effort spent on our success to date in dealing with accomplishing something to help ourselves limit future flooding. e should not waste all this, nor should we just walk away. We understand that the law stops Lewis County from sending others our water. How do we help ourselves if we don't store flood waters some where!? Then fish and habitat have been connected and do go hand in hand. The only way to bring salmon and such back to our water ways is to keep the rivers and creeks flowing through the summer months. Storing water and releasing it through the summer seems the only viable way. THIS WILL COOL THE TEMPERATURE AND MOVE THE WATER, now the fish can navigate the river, they can't now. Any other side projects we can do to help limit rising water and damages is very important to do. Lets not blow it, lets get behind Alternative one and go all the way. Lewis County can't do this by itself, by tackling the entire states water problems whether flooding or starving for water doing all this on the state level is the only way to create a success story.

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**To:** info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com  
**Subject:** EIS Comment Form  
**Attachments:** Chehalis-River-Basin-Letter.pdf

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**First Name:** Caitlin

**Last Name:** Arnold

**Organization:** Furrow Horse Farm

**Address:** 280 Butts Rd.  
Morton, WA 98356  
United States of America

**Phone:**

**Email:** caitlinrose@riseup.net

**Comments:** Please see attached letter in opposition of the dam proposal.

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To all who care about the future of the Chehalis River Basin:

I am writing to express my deep concerns with the proposed flood retention dam on the Upper Chehalis River. Over the last century the Chehalis River Basin has been abused through diking, dredging, dam construction, river channelization, removal of large woody debris and stream substrate, destruction of wetlands and riparian areas, and intensive upland timber harvest. The flooding problem we currently face is aggravated by these abuses, and a true solution to the problem cannot come from continued degradation of the Chehalis River. Peer-reviewed science has shown time and again that the artificial containment of a river within its banks increases peak flows and water surface elevations during flood events, and that peak flood elevations can be reduced by restoring wetlands and reconnecting rivers with their floodplains. The construction of a dam would represent the furthest continuation of an outdated mentality that has stripped rivers like the Chehalis of their potential to support diverse and robust biological communities while providing natural flood reduction and other crucial ecosystem services that we all depend on.

Touting habitat restoration plans and the potential for a reservoir to provide cooler water in summer months masks the fact that all dams negatively impact anadromous fish. Any such benefits are heavily outweighed by the destruction of critical spawning habitat, loss of habitat connectivity, disruption of spawning gravel and sediment transport, acceleration of channel incision, and corruption of other crucial riverine processes. I seriously doubt the integrity of any habitat restoration plan that includes the construction of a dam.

Additionally, I am alarmed by the lack of attention given to upland forest management practices in the consideration of flood reduction options. Changes in upland vegetation communities have direct impacts on flood severity. The exhaustive logging practices on timberlands of the Chehalis Basin have increased surface runoff, reduced water quality, and intensified floods.

Finally, we should pursue flood management and habitat restoration solutions that will endure in the face of our changing climate. From a flood reduction perspective, this means looking beyond stopgap solutions to address the root of the problem: poor land use practices and loss of riverine ecological services. From a biological perspective, this means fully promoting the ecological resilience of the Chehalis River instead of simply attempting to mitigate for damage done. The lack of mainstem dams on the Chehalis River greatly increases the recovery potential for Pacific salmon and other biotic communities threatened by climate change. Across all river ecosystems, biodiversity is best protected in rivers where physical regimes are the most natural.

Now is the time for us to set a precedent that we can work with rivers instead of against them. I urge you all to reject any flood management or habitat restoration proposal that includes the construction of a dam in the Chehalis River Basin.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Arnold

Furrow Horse Farm

280 Butts Rd. Morton, WA 98356

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**From:** info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com on behalf of Chehalis Basin Strategy  
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**To:** info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com  
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**First Name:** Edward  
**Last Name:** Perrotti  
**Organization:** Grays Harbor Carbon Fiber Composite Technologies, LLC  
**Address:** CEO  
505 North B Street  
Suite 100 Aberdeen  
United States of America  
**Phone:** 360 654-3233  
**Email:** eperrotti@netzero.com

One idea would be to use the now vacant pontoon site in Aberdeen as a holding pond for flood waters that run down the various slopes here.

Since it has pumps and has a large capacity, perhaps at times, water can be stored there and released at low tide. Right now it is an empty graving dock or casting basin and maybe this could be a use.

Also we may want to consider pumps along the streams that could move flood waters, not let them collect and then run ashore. Many years ago, mostly on the east coast, utilities used a pumped storage system that allowed for the generation of power.

**Comments:**

The idea is that pumps are used to move flood waters up inclines and many sloped areas are available here.

Then when tides are low and rain is over, the water moves down from a pond and passes thru a generator, thus making power.

The pump is used as a motor and works both ways.

Edward D Perrotti  
BS, MS, DBA ('69,'71,'73)

RPI, Troy NY

Retired GHC professor living in Aberdeen WA

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**Cc:** [Barker, Doug](#); [mayor@thedailyworld.com](mailto:mayor@thedailyworld.com); [jyonich@comcast.net](mailto:jyonich@comcast.net); [timq@quigbbros.com](mailto:timq@quigbbros.com); [enelson@aberdeenwa.gov](mailto:enelson@aberdeenwa.gov); [lscott@aberdeenwa.gov](mailto:lscott@aberdeenwa.gov); [bsidor@aberdeenwa.gov](mailto:bsidor@aberdeenwa.gov); [kksoski@aberdeenwa.gov](mailto:kksoski@aberdeenwa.gov); [lbarnes@portgrays.org](mailto:lbarnes@portgrays.org); [rsangder@aberdeenwa.gov](mailto:rsangder@aberdeenwa.gov); [gnelson@portgrays.org](mailto:gnelson@portgrays.org); [robmford3@hotmail.com](mailto:robmford3@hotmail.com)  
**Subject:** Comments On The Draft EIS. Having Just Read It Here At The ABR TRL.  
**Date:** Saturday, October 08, 2016 2:32:33 PM

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**Please look at adding data showing elevations above sea level**

**My home at 505 North B Street in Aberdeen is elevated and maybe 27 feet above that mark**

**Any thoughts on using the now vacant pontoon site as a holding pond**

**Also with all the inclines here, any thoughts on using pumped storage to make power**

**During low tides release that water and run the pumps backwards**

**As motors**

**Sincerely**

**Edward D Perrotti  
BS,MS, DBA**

**PS What about a gradual passing out of property taxes over that 50 year horizon on those in the flood plain below new levee.**

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**First Name:** Claudia  
**Last Name:** Woodward-Rice  
**Organization:** Grays Harbor Coalition for Infrastructure  
**Address:** 6711 Larson Lane  
Aberdeen, WA 98520  
United States of America  
**Phone:** 360-612-3558  
**Email:** ricesofhi@gmail.com

**Comments:** Alternative 4 would allow the flood plain to return to a more natural flow, would slow that flow and restore fish habitats. The water table would also likely rise. Relocation of residents and infrastructure would end the repeated need to address flood damage and demands for public monies to pay for them. The forces of Nature are best accepted and not confronted. The Snohomish Delta restoration projects show how restoring natural river floes can be balanced to restore vital salmon habitat while also protecting the viability of local agriculture.

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**To:** info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com  
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**First Name:** Reggie  
**Last Name:** Hamilton  
**Organization:** Hamilton Rocking & Contracting Inc.  
**Address:** 311 Hamilton Road  
Chehalis  
United States of America  
**Phone:** 360-748-3672  
**Email:** reggie.hamilton@gmail.com

Dear Chehalis Basin Flood Group:

On behalf of Hamilton Rocking & Contracting and the Hamilton Family that has lived in the basin for four generations we stand in full support of alternative number one; the construction of a water retention facility in the Upper Chehalis Basin.

We have experienced the devastating floods that have adversely affected our community for decades. We were particularly affected by the flood of 2007 that impacted our community, employees, and family. Many of us experienced the destruction during this flood event and other flood events that are becoming more frequent.

**Comments:**

To project our ability to live here, farm, and run our construction business it is vital that there is a long term solution to reduce flooding in the Chehalis Basin. This is why we fully support the construction of a dam in the Upper Chehalis Basin.

Thank you for carefully considering our experience and input.

Cordially,

Reggie Hamilton  
Hamilton Rocking & Construction

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**First Name:** Todd

**Last Name:** Chaput

**Organization:** Holiday InnExpress & SuitesChehalis

**Address:** 220 Winceshter Hill Drive  
Chehalis, WA 98532  
United States of America

**Phone:** 360.880.0568

**Email:** todd@hotelservicesgroup.com

**Comments:** I agree and endorse Alternative 1 which is a flood retention dam on the upper Chehalis river and an aggressive aquatic species enhancement effort across the basin.

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**To:** info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com  
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**First Name:** Allyn  
**Last Name:** Roe  
**Organization:** Industrial Park at TransAlta  
**Address:** 1111 Big Hanaford Road  
Centralia, WA 98532  
United States of America  
**Phone:** 3603302345  
**Email:** aroe@ipat-usa.com

**Comments:** The Industrial Park at TransAlta (IPAT) supports, “Alternative 1” as outlined in the Chehalis Basin Strategy EIS. IPAT, a non-profit organization, is in the process of redeveloping the surface coal mine in Centralia for industrial purposes to promote economic development in our community and the State of Washington. We work closely with the Department of Commerce on promoting our properties to businesses looking to site a facility in our state. The projects we make proposals on are of statewide significance, sometimes national significance, and average an individual investment size of over \$1B, 400 jobs, and 200 acres developed. The environmental uncertainty that our historic flooding events create, hinders our efforts at recruiting these large business investments to our community. The generational inaction to reduce the impacts of flooding in the Chehalis Basin has an impact on the economic vitality of our community and the State of Washington. We believe “Alternative 1” is the only proactive alternative that will reduce the direct and indirect damages the Chehalis Basin suffers during each flood event and provide more environmental stability to our community.

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**To:** info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com  
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**First Name:** Richel

**Last Name:** Perkins

**Organization:** Lakeside Industries, Inc.

**Address:** 2001 Johnson Rd  
Centralia, WA 98531  
United States of America

**Phone:**

**Email:** richel.perkins@lakesideind.com

Best option: Alternative #1.

**Comments:** Alternative 2 does nothing to solve flooding in Lewis County except the I-5 corridor. And creating dikes or (wall) only displaces that much more water to the neighboring communities.  
Alternative 3 - No monumental change.  
Alternative 4 - is drastically changing the flooding in ways that is dangerously hard to predict the true impacts to the aquatic life and lands.

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**First Name:** Carolyn

**Last Name:** Hipps

**Organization:** Lewis County Bar Legal Aid

**Address:** P.O. Box 117  
Wa Chehalis  
United States of America

**Phone:** 360-748-9884

**Email:**

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October 13, 2016

Chehalis Basin Strategy EIS, c/o Anchor QEA  
720 Olive Way, Suite 1900  
Seattle, WA 98101

Re: EIS Alternative # 1

Dear Hearings Examiner:

Reducing the impact of catastrophic flooding is a top priority of the Lewis County Economic Development Council. We declare our strong advocacy for alternative # 1; The option that provides the retention of water in the Upper Chehalis Basin through the construction of a dam. This option is the only alternative that provides a comprehensive approach and provides a significant solution to our flooding problems. Alternative # 1 will provide for flood reduction projects throughout the basin and will increase the vitality of anadromous species in the basin.

Our membership supports this position. The EDC is a non-profit organization made up of a public-private partnership of over 100 members. Our membership of business and local government leaders fully support "Alternative # 1". It is imperative that all communities in the Chehalis Basin have a water retention facility in place. We need to be able to move forward and have certainty of our economic future and not face the prospect of catastrophic flooding.

We support the Governor's Work Group moving forward with Alternative # 1.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Matt Matayoshi'.

Matt Matayoshi  
Executive Director

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**First Name:** Colleen  
**Last Name:** Mauel  
**Organization:** Newaukum Valley Ranch/private citizen  
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United States of America  
**Phone:** 360-740-9868  
**Email:** pennycolleen@yahoo.com

**Comments:** It is with grave concern that I write a comment to the presented "proposals" as we are weary of expensive studies. I have resided beside and "with" the river system most of my life. (Age 62) In Oakville, between the Chehalis and Black rivers. In Chehalis, on heritage land; the Newaukum river runs through our farm. We, who have lived in the valley KNOW that rivers flood and we plan for same. The intensity and severity of the flooding has increased because of many factors. Some we have no control over. Rain is one. Inappropriate fill of water holding land is another. (i.e. Exit 72 development on the east side of Rush Road hurt many of us, downstream and upstream...the water comes up in an unpredictable manner.) We would like to see SOMETHING done. Option one looks to be the one which "might" help. In addition, please insist that companies and individuals wishing to build in the flood zone are not allowed to fill extensively in order to create their businesses and homes. Thank you. Penny Colleen E. Mauel

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<info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 16, 2016 4:52 PM  
**To:** info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com  
**Subject:** EIS Comment Form

Comment Form

**First Name:** JUDITH

**Last Name:** REDDEN

**Organization:** REDDE AUTOGLASS

**Address:** PO BOX 561  
TOLEDO, LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON STATE 98591  
United States of America

**Phone:** 360 864 2614

**Email:** redwin@toledotel.com

**Comments:** While our business is not physically located in the Chehalis/Centralia area, much of our customer base is in that area. We are a mobile service for auto glass repair and replacement. When there is flooding, it greatly impacts our ability to do business, and to serve our customers.  
Alternative 1 – Governor’s Work Group Recommendation, appears to be the best solution, and offers more protections for the businesses, and the community at large in the Chehalis/Centralia area.  
Flooding has been an ongoing problem in that area, and we need to address it if we hope to sustain our way of life and our precious communities.

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**From:** Rose's Furniture <rosefurn@rainierconnect.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 20, 2016 1:27 PM  
**To:** info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com  
**Subject:** Rose's Furniture- Draft EIS Actions

*Our comment is to go with Alternative 1.*

*Thank you.*

*Linda and Roger Rose*

*Rose's Furniture*

*1530 So. Gold St.*

*Centralia, Wa. 98531*

*360-807-1211*

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**From:** info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com on behalf of Chehalis Basin Strategy  
<info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 26, 2016 10:43 PM  
**To:** info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com  
**Subject:** EIS Comment Form

Comment Form

**First Name:** Amy  
**Last Name:** Howlett  
**Organization:** Security State Bank Manager and United Way of Lewis County  
**Address:** 267 Brockway  
Wa Chehalis  
United States of America  
**Phone:** 2532794497  
**Email:**  
**Comments:** Retention is critical for our community to thrive!!!  
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**From:** info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com on behalf of Chehalis Basin Strategy  
<info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2016 4:09 PM  
**To:** info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com  
**Subject:** EIS Comment Form

Comment Form

**First Name:** ron  
**Last Name:** sturza  
**Organization:** sunbird shopping center  
**Address:** 1757 n. national ave.  
chehalis, 98532  
United States of America  
**Phone:** 360-748-3337  
**Email:** ron-sunbird@qwestoffice.net

**Comments:** We have been in business for over 40 years at the above address. We have gone through 4 major floods and multiple "scares" during that time. The worst was in 2007 when we had 7-8 ft of water in our 100,000 sq. ft. building. When our dike breached during that event, I witnessed 3.5 million dollars of inventory get wet in under 20 minutes. It is impossible for anyone to comprehend what that actually looked like unless you were there. It is crucial for me to note that a 2-3ft reduction in water level in the basin would have kept us dry during that event.  
My choice for options is the dam retention project, which would keep our business and many others out of harms way. Thank You

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<info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2016 9:51 PM  
**To:** info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com  
**Subject:** EIS Comment Form

Comment Form

**First Name:** Andrew

**Last Name:** Moravec

**Organization:** Three Rivers Marine

**Address:** 37589 SE 80th Street  
Snoqualmie, Washington 98065

**Phone:** 4258903197

**Email:** andrewmoravec@yahoo.com

**Comments:** Regardless of any supposed new technology, no more dams should be built in Washington State. We all know that damming rivers may have short-term benefit, but long-term they are not the solution.

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**To:** info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com  
**Subject:** EIS Comment Form  
**Attachments:** TwinCitiesRotaryComments.docx

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**First Name:** ANIL

**Last Name:** PURI

**Organization:** TWIN CITIES ROTARY

**Address:** 409 LAKESHORE DRIVE  
CENTRALIA, WASHINGTON 98531  
United States of America

**Phone:** 360 508 0233

**Email:** anilp5@comcast.net

**Comments:** See attachment

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November 13, 2016

The Twin Cities Rotary club has members who are community leaders who own, operate and work in key businesses and non-profits in our community. We all know that the flooding we periodically experience is not only terrible for those who live here but is a huge negative for any company or organization considering locating in our community.

We believe that Alternative 1 as explained in the Chehalis Basin Plan Strategy EIS Summary is clearly the stronger alternative. It is imperative that our businesses and future businesses are provided an infrastructure in which they can succeed. Past floods have been devastating for our business community and many have been unable to recover.

After many years of study our community has a real chance to minimize the devastation we have come to know. We have hope that change can happen with the implementation of Alternative 1 and believe no other alternatives will adequately help our community. Alternative 2 and Alternative 4 have the potential to harm our economy. Chehalis deserves this chance to overcome its image of a "flood community" which greatly impacts our ability to attract new businesses and residents. Our businesses deserve the chance to operate without constant fear of floods. We endorse Alternative 1 as the best option for our community to minimize future flood-related disasters as it offers the greatest reduction in overall flooding impacts. It offers a sensible approach based on years of factual data and scientific research.

Anil Puri

President 2016-2017

Twin Cities Rotary, Centralia-Chehalis

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**To:** info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com  
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**First Name:** John

**Last Name:** Abe

**Organization:** Umpqua Bank

**Address:** 401 n Market Blvd  
Chehalis, WA 98532  
United States of America

**Phone:** 360 242 4040

**Email:** johnabe@umpquabank.com

**Comments:** I would like to convey that I am in support of Option #1 - I feel it is the most comprehensive solution plan and takes into consideration all parties individual needs and seeks to fulfill them all to the best degree possible.

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#### Comment Form

**First Name:** Stephen

**Last Name:** Hueffed

**Organization:** Owner, Willapa Hills Farm & Willapa Hills Cheese. Volunteer member of Lewis County Planning Commission.,

**Address:** MAILING: PO Box 274, Doty, WA 98539  
PHYSICAL: 4680 State Route 6, Chehalis, WA 98532  
WA  
United States of America

**Phone:** 206.412.2713

**Email:** stephen@willapahillsfarm.com

**Comments:** I am writing as a private citizen and resident of unincorporated Lewis County. My wife and I are transplants from Kitsap County, moving to our farm in 2005 after looking throughout Western Washington for farmland. I grew up on Capitol Hill in Seattle at the confluence of I-5 & 520. My wife Amy grew up on Bainbridge Island. I spent over 20 years in faith-based non-profit work, roughly half of that time in management roles related to program oversight, leadership development and community planning and transition work. I have a master's degree in Theology. My wife has her doctorate in Naturopathic Medicine. I share all of this to highlight the intentional nature of our lives and our decision to live in Lewis County and to raise our family on a historic farmstead located on the Chehalis River. We are not here on accident.

We are licensed dairy processors and also raise livestock, grow hay and manage small timber acreage. We have two CREP projects on our farm along the banks of the Chehalis River – one existing when we bought the farm and one initiated, contracted and planted by us. We believe in collaborating with local, state and federal agencies as part of the stewardship of our land and of the Chehalis River as it runs through the center of our farm.

We went through the 2007 flood – impacted, but only minimally – as our main pastures and buildings experienced only minor or no flooding. The waters of the Chehalis did not top high bank on our main farm, and only flowed into natural drainage draws. Our farm is the site of the Near Doty USGS river gauging station and the river is part of our daily life. Our children Willem (13), Lucas (11) and Lillian Grace (9) have grown up in its waters.

I attended the Public meeting last night at the Veterans Museum in Chehalis. I was encouraged and relived beyond measure by the lack of support for Alternative 4. Our family shares this fundamental opposition to Alternative 4. I would like to make it clear that I saw (and see) Alternative 4 as a threat to our community, to my family and to common sense and decency. If at any time Alternative 4 had (or still does) rise to the level of being taken seriously in spite of its fundamental flaws, I and many others in our community are prepared to fully leverage our time and resources - for decades if necessary - to fight it. I don't know if Ecology ever really saw it as viable, but for me its inclusion undermines the credibility of the entire EIS process. As someone who worked in planning with institutions and communities – albeit in a different context – I find its inclusion unhelpful at best and destructive at worst. It has caused significant anxiety in many corners of our community and its late addition fostered suspicion and undermined trust. I am curious who the “private citizens” mentioned at the public meeting were who asked for its inclusion? Were they truly citizens or were they organizations?

As a private citizen, I would like to express the hope that historic errors in allowing development in the Basin along I-5 like the airport and the expanding retail district (Walmart, Home Depot, Sonic, etc.) not be repeated or further expanded. As a county we so badly need development - and the jobs that come with it - but there were far better places to site those buildings and businesses along I-5.

Additionally, while I am pro-timber, I believe some of our timber practices need to be further modified. The Weyerhaeuser clear-cut landslide that is integral (in my opinion) to the 2007 flood event on the upper Chehalis is as large a factor as anything in its destructiveness. I believe that the debris that came down river and backed up behind multiple car, railroad and pedestrian bridges and clogged channels played a significant role in the final height/level of the flood. The water rose over many hours and then as the bridges blew out under the massive pressure of water and debris, the water dropped in a fraction of the time as the water flowed free.

Finally, if the purpose of Alternative 4 was simply to make the other alternatives look better (which it sure did), then I am a victim of Ecology's success. I accept the community's desire for a dam as the most viable response with the greatest benefit to the most people. I am always skeptical whenever we think we can “fix” Mother Nature or somehow improve upon her wishes, but have at it. History will be the judge.

Thank you to those with pure hearts who have worked so hard for so many years on this project. May the fruits of your labor truly benefit the sustainability and well-being of our communities, our families and the Chehalis River Basin. I think we can all agree on that...

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**To:** info@chehalisbasinstrategy.com  
**Subject:** EIS Comment Form

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**First Name:** Michael  
**Last Name:** Painter  
**Organization:** Zebra Computers  
**Address:** 1600 S. Gold St.  
Suite 4  
Centralia, Wa 98531  
United States of America  
**Phone:** 3607367000  
**Email:** mpaint@zebracomputers.com

Hello, I am the owner of Zebra Computers in the Fairway shopping center at 1600 S. Gold St.  
I personally experienced the floods of 2007 and 2009 from the Chehalis River Flooding.

**Comments:** On Dec. 3rd 2007, there was 3 feet of water in my shop. I came in at 2:30 in the morning and found the water covering electrical equipment that was still on. A couple of passers by helped me put things up above the water line, and saved all of my customers and my equipment, saving us a large amount of damage. However the effects of the flood impacted my business immediately with loss of revenue, being closed for 10 days while the water went down, and we cleaned up.  
The immediate cost was over \$30,000 approximately 10% of a years revenue for us. The long term costs were much more as we found more damaged items, that had to be thrown away, and replaced.

After reading the proposed solutions, the only one that makes sense is Alternative 1, a dam at the headwaters of the Chehalis, in the Willapa hills that controls the water in the event of another Pineapple express storm is a silver bullet solution to the problem, among other common sense remediation's that will directly address the problem. This is also the only solution that covers all of the elements of the problem and doesn't displace millions of dollars of property and hundreds of occupants and businesses.

All of the other solutions are either not cost effective or don't actually address the

problem, ignore the problem entirely, or alleviate it by compromise.

According to weather forecasts and sun output/activity forecasts, the large rain storms are going to be the norm, only Alternative 1 covers all the bases.

I strongly recommend, and support Alternative 1.

Feel free to contact me for further input.

Sincerely:  
Michael (Mike) Painter  
Owner, Zebra Computers Centralia WA.  
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