

RIVER HEARING FRIDAY, NOV. 30

War Department Seeks Information on Improvement of Skagit.

A public hearing will be held in the Mount Vernon Commercial Club rooms at 11 o'clock Friday forenoon, November 30, for the purpose of obtaining the views of interested parties in regard to the preliminary examination of the Skagit river. This announcement was made through the ARGUS today by the War Department of the United States.

According to the announcement sent out by the United States Engineer's office at Seattle, information is especially desired on the following matters:

Character of improvements desired.

Name of vessels now using the waterway with draft and tonnage of each.

Amount and character of present commerce.

Amount and character of new commerce that it is expected would develop if the plan of improvement desired were carried out.

Land reclamation, protection from floods or any other special subjects so far as they may have a bearing upon the improvement of navigation and so far as any plans therefore might be co-ordinated in a logical and proper manner with those for the improvement of navigation so as to lessen the cost of the latter and compensate the government for expenditures made in the interest of navigation.

Local co-operation that may be expected in carrying out any desired improvement.

The announcement also states, "that while for accuracy of record all important facts and arguments should be submitted in writing, oral evidence will be heard."