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## SKAGIT RIVER SURVEY OKEHED AT WASHINGTON

**Engineers Approve Plan;  
Dredging Action on Results  
Of Survey; Local Boosters  
Are Pleased**

Plans for a complete survey of the north and south forks of the Skagit river from the bay to Mount Vernon received the official approval of U. S. Army engineers in Washington, D. C., it was announced by Postmaster C. F. Shrauger after his receipt of the information by telegram from the national capital.

"This means that we are one step nearer in our campaign to have the lower Skagit dredged for the benefit of flood control, drainage and navigation," Shrauger told a press representative.

### News Well Received

The news of the war department's action was happily received by scores of citizens throughout the lower valley who for the past few months have been concentrating their efforts on obtaining flood control legislation at Washington.

Only a few weeks ago the Skagit Flood Control organization, made up of lower valley farmers, business and professional men, sent Postmaster Shrauger to Washington, D. C., in effort to precipitate action.

### Misinterpret Letter

A letter from U. S. Senator Homer T. Bone, sent to the Skagit County Pomona Grange and published exclusively by the Argus, which stated that the war department felt that Senator Bone's senate bill authorizing a survey of the Skagit duplicated a section of the Flood Control Act of June 22, 1936, and therefore was not necessary, was misconstrued by many to mean that the war department had recommended killing the Skagit survey issue. Bone, then joined with Congressman Wallgren in effort to have the survey made.

Contradictory information which called for the opening of sloughs and delta outlets, and the other for the purchase of a government-owned dredge for the Skagit and other Puget Sound streams exclusively, complicated matters in Washington, it was revealed.

Congressman Wallgren has filed a bill calling for the dredging of the north and south forks of the Skagit. The future of the bill depends on the findings of the U. S. engineers in their survey, it has been pointed out.