

# THE MOUNT VERNON ARGUS

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## SILVERS HEAVY SOCKEYES ARE NORMAL AT DAM

Over 7,000 silver salmon and 4,900 sockeye salmon have been placed over Baker River dam so far this season, according to Milo Moore, Director of Fisheries. The sockeye run is about normal, but the silver salmon run is almost twice the size of any previous cyclic run since the construction of the Baker River dam. "Fish trapping and handling facilities at Baker River are far from perfect," Milo Moore said, "but the Puget Sound Power and Light Company is cooperating in every way to aid the rehabilitation of salmon runs with existing traps."

The Department of Fisheries and the power company are now studying ways and means of improving the traps and hoisting cars to eliminate injuries and to permit the rehabilitation of steel-head trout and chinook salmon runs, now almost completely destroyed. Silver and sockeye salmon have reacted more favorably because they occur at the season of the year when they are more easily trapped. It is not expected that anything can be done to improve existing facilities until the studies being conducted by the Department of Fisheries are completed during this coming winter.