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Flood Plan For Skagit Sent to D. C.

A July 30 deadline for further comment on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' recommendations for Skagit river flood control work was set in an announcement from their Seattle office Wednesday.

The announcement said the district and division engineers had completed their report for forwarding to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors in Washington, D. C. Written comments should be sent to that board, Zip Code 20315, to reach it before the July 30 deadline.

The 124-page report re-outlines the Engineers' plans for the Skagit and reproduces the testimony given by public officials and interested citizens at the public hearing held in Mount Vernon Jan. 10, 1964.

The Engineers are recommending levee and channel improvements along the river from Sedro Woolley down and modification of the Avon Bypass flood control channel plan to include fisheries and recreation facilities.

Wednesday's announcement said federal cost of first construction would be \$5,770,000 for levee and channel improvement and \$34,500 for recreation facilities. This does not include the main Avon Bypass project, because it was authorized by Congress in 1936 and is still on the books.