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## DISCUSS SKAGIT RIVER PROJECTS

The upper Skagit was one of the principal subjects at the meeting of the Skagit County Planning Council, held Monday evening at Mount Vernon. Proposed subjects for the upper valley were the establishment of the federal forest experiment station, study of fish development and recommendations on flood control and hydro-electric power.

The establishment of a forest experiment station somewhere in this area was urged in a letter to Congressman Jackson, pointing out that such a station is needed and Skagit County would be the ideal location for it.

The Water Resources and Fisheries sub-committee, Arthur Ward of Sedro-Woolley, chairman, made the following recommendations to the planning commission:

1. Joint study by the Department of Fisheries and the Puget Sound Power & Light Co., of the possibility of construction a fishway over the Baker river dam.

2. A joint study by the same parties of downstream migration of fish over the dam to determine possible ways of reducing fish loss.

3. Joint study by the department and City Light of means of stabilizing flow from the power stations to reduce fish loss due to stranded fingerlings and exposed eggs at low water.

4. An appropriation of \$4,500 from the county flood control fund to be earmarked for construction work in Ditch District 21 as a test of procedure in improvement of other fishways in the Skagit river system.

5. Study of income from hydro-electric power produced in the Skagit river basin to determine what part of the income should be applied to defraying the cost of stream improvement work.

6. Endorsement of the State Department of Fisheries' program for fish propagation on the Skagit, including the Marblemount hatchery and the Bowman's Bay salt water experiment station.

The report also stated that the proposed Faber dam for flood control would ruin the Skagit as a fishway. It also stated that the lower Sauk dam, while not detrimental to fish life, would not be self-liquidating as a power project.