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Skagit Flood Control Is Recommended Dropped

From Washington D.C. comes the word that the Army's Board of Engineers have again reviewed the various Skagit River flood control projects and found that federal participation will not be justified in the coming year.

In 1936 the army engineers made extensive surveys on the Skagit and set up many projects that could be used for flood control. These included the earth dam at Faber, the Avon canal and similar ideas. All have been found unfeasible from the standpoint of cost in ratio to benefits.

The board recommended this week that the program be killed by Congress.

The board also talked over the proposed Baker River dam, and heard that it might be justified for both flood control and power production, but that heavy opposition would be forthcoming from fisheries and recreation groups. (None has yet developed, or been threatened.)