

FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT IS DEBATED HERE

PLANNING COUNCIL AND NEWSPAPER MEN CONFER ON PROPOSAL; COUNCIL TO ISSUE STATEMENT

A speedy publicity campaign to inform the public about the proposed Skagit county flood control district, on which the people of the county will vote next December 3, was agreed upon by the county planning council at a meeting in the office of Attorney R. V. Welts here last night.

Members of the council, admittedly worried over the outcome of the December 3 election, called in newspaper men of the county to ask their suggestions. They suggested that the planning council immediately issue a statement outlining all the facts, so that the people would know definitely about the program they are being asked to approve. The council agreed to make this statement and it is expected to be ready for publication on Thursday.

Carol Bridger, farmer member of the council, who resides near Sedro-Woolley, reported that the people are complaining that they don't know enough about the proposed flood control district, and that those who live on upper land won't vote for the plan.

Mr. Welts president of the planning group, explained that individual groups have been fighting floods in the county for the last fifty years and that a plan is now available where all people in the county living east of Swinomish

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Salmon With 'Iron' Stomach Is Found Here

A salmon that actually had an "iron" stomach has been found here.

T. A. Sather, well known local photographer, brought the evidence to the Daily Herald office this afternoon.

It was an iron spike weighing two and a half pounds and 17 inches in length.

"My wife took this bar out of a salmon when she cut into it this morning," Sather revealed. Mrs. Sather, who had experienced difficulty in cutting the head off the fish, was astonished. So was her husband when he arrived home and lifted the hefty iron bar. And so was the Herald reporter when Sather passed the word along.

Apparently the fish had stood up well under its "diet" of corroded iron, for Sather said it was in perfect condition.

He declared the fish was bought from Chester Carlson and that under the circumstances he would not demand a refund for the two and a half pounds of iron weight.

The iron spike is on display at the Daily Herald office.

Flood Control

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channel can cooperate in bringing about permanent flood control. He argued that floods affect everyone, whether they live on the flats or on the upper land, since a flood on the flats, causing thousands of dollars in damage, cannot help but injure those living on hill land.

The county commissioners automatically become commissioners of the flood control district if the district is approved, and there was considerable discussion of their taxing power. It was pointed out that they may levy a 2-mill tax each year if they think it warranted, and this would amount to only about \$33,000, spread all over the district. No levy may be made for a year, or even longer, it was suggested.

State Senator W. J. Knutzen said the opportunity is now given the county to set up laws whereby Skagit can cooperate with the state and federal governments in bringing about permanent flood control. He said districts have been set up elsewhere in the state, and maintained that if Skagit does not set up a district, it will help pay for others in Washington and reap no benefits. He believes the state and federal governments will spend thousands of dollars to control the Skagit. But, he argued, Skagit will have to do its share and this will be impossible without the organization of a district.

Many other matters concerning the proposed district were discussed at some length and will be incorporated in the statement to be issued by the planning council tomorrow.

No Improvement

Jud Tunkins says if he had his life to live over he suspects he'd make just as many mistakes, only maybe they'd be of a different kind