

Skagit Must Furnish \$1,000,000 for Spillway

Congress Approves Expenditure of \$2,982,000
For Avon to Padilla Bay Channel For
Skagit River Flood Control

Although congress yesterday approved the expenditure of \$2,982,000 in federal funds for the diversion of the Skagit river from Avon to Padilla bay, there appeared little likelihood this morning that the project would materialize.

Skagit County will be required to expend more than one million dollars for the purchase of right-of-way, and damage to oyster lands, an expenditure which the county commissioners say is far out of reach of the county's present financial ability.

Press releases from Seattle today stated that the Skagit river project at an expenditure of \$2,982,000, was approved. A figure of \$3,150,000 announced by this district's representative yesterday, was declared incorrect.

Army engineers who surveyed the Skagit river situation more than a year ago advocated the construction of a channel from Avon to Padilla Bay as an effective means of ending flood menaces in the lower Skagit valley.

The Skagit project is part of a \$10,619,100 program for Western Washington flood control, all of which is included in a \$320,000,000 omnibus flood control bill.

Other appropriations included Mud Mountain reservoir on the White river, \$3,177,000; Puyallup river channel improvement, \$2,349,000; Lewis River, \$208,000; Stillaguamish river, \$261,000.

Cowlitz County, \$729,700; Wahkiakum County, \$369,200; Pacific County, \$22,700.