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SAUK AND CASCADE DAMS ARE URGED

Dams on the Sauk and Cascade rivers were again urged by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at a Puget Sound Water Resources Task Force hearing in Anacortes Monday. Robert Gedney, chief of the planning branch, told the group to continue study of the dams, which he says are needed for 100% flood control on the Skagit River.

The listeners were told that the county has \$75 million dollars in fine farmland and that one-third of it is in danger every time the Skagit rises to flood proportions.

It was also urged that all Skagit flood control projects be coordinated under a master plan so that there would be no overlapping of expenditures in piecemeal work. The twenty diking and irrigation districts of the county now spend \$250,000 a year on Skagit river work.

The hearing also covered the salt water problems, talking of dredging of Fidalgo Bay, near Anacortes for use as an industrial park shipping site. There was also talk of a program of dredging land-locked island harbors and possibility of converting some to fish farms.