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June 27, 1979

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Dear Sir,

In regards to the **Draft Environmental Impact Statement** for the proposed Lower Levee Channel Improvement Project, we offer the following comments:

1. Community Cohesion, Page - 72

We do not feel there is a difference in attitude between urban and rural residents that disrupt the cohesiveness of the proposed project.

We do feel however, **there exists today a lack of support for Alternative 3 E in the Cook road - Samish Basin area due to several reasons.** Among those reasons are; lack of understanding of the total project; **assurance that added water won't complicate flooding in the Samish Basin;** lack of offered compensation to farmers near the throat of the erosion control sills; and the lack of site specific information available to the residences that will be directly affected.

2. The Project Area, Interior Drainage, Page - 76

Drainage of our agricultural land is very important in Skagit County. Several individual drainage systems will be bisected by the proposed project. Adequate recognition and treatment of each system should be addressed in the document. **Many of these systems were installed with Federal assistance, both financially and technically and represent a sizeable investment to the farmers.**

3. The Project Area, Priarie Farmland, Page - 84

The recognition and future treatment of prime agricultural lands is of grave importance to the economic well being of Skagit County. **We cannot afford to loose anymore farmland than is absolutely necessary.**

Urban pressures that will be exerted on farmland protected from 100 year floods deeply concerns us.

In closing, the Skagit Conservation District Board of Supervisors have always felt that better flood control was badly needed for Skagit County. From the Avon Bypass to the Sauk River Dam, and now the Lower Levee Channel Improvement Project,

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this Board has sought to achieve the best alternative available to protect Skagit County from devastating floods.

We now feel we could support an alternative that will give Skagit County better flood protection but people and property must not be left with a worse flood situation than prior to the project. If Alternative 3 E can be made to do this we will support the project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the project.

Sincerely,

Robert Hulbert, Chairman
Skagit Conservation District Board of Supervisors

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