

HANSON REPORTS EMERGENCY 'OUT' ON NEW CHANNEL

Other Aspects Encouraging To Committee Of 8

Earl Hanson, chairman of an eight-man delegation from this county seeking aid for dredging a new channel at the mouth of the North Fork on the Skagit river, called The Argus today at 1:30 to report that their meeting with Colonel Norman A. Mathius in Seattle this morning was disappointing in one respect but encouraging in another.

Hanson said that Col. Mathius told the committee that the matter could not be handled as an emergency measure but must get necessary and direct appropriation from Congress for the survey and, if approved, money for the actual work of forming the channel to salt water.

"We were hoping for emergency status, which couldn't happen, but were given nope that we are working in the right direction," said Hanson. He said that not all their work is in vain as a profile map of 1937, to be compared with one of 1955, was in the hands of the people who make the decisions.

Hanson said that his committee was received favorably and with the finest courtesy and that the meeting appeared important enough for KOMO TV to record its procedure with probability that it will be on the regular program tonight.

The committee was forced as a result of an emergency meeting of the flood control board council on Dec. 16. The project favored would be cutting a channel from Valentine's Bend west to salt water.

Members attending the Seattle meeting were Chairman Hanson, County Commissioner Lowell Hughes, Noble Lee, Leo Beckley, Jim Dunlap, Dan Sundquist and Charles Christenson.