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SEATTLE BIDDER GETS LAKE JOB

Cascade Northern Company has been awarded the contract from among a dozen bidders for the first phase of Puget Power's beautification project to clean up Lake Shannon and improve its recreational use.

The first phase of clearing will involve the southern end of the lake. Work is expected to begin within two weeks and is scheduled for completion within a year's time. About six men will be working on the project initially.

The Seattle contractor plans to use a high line anchored in the southern end of the lake to which can be attached various pieces of collection equipment to pick up drift. The collected debris will then be pulled ashore to a collection point in quarry area at the southeast end of the lake and burned.

At a later date, following the clean up of the south half of the lake, Puget Power plans to apply the same treatment to the northern end of Lake Shannon.

"Our goal is to make the lake more useful for fishing and boating," said Andy Miller, superintendent of the Company's Baker River power projects. "At the moment, we're not sure how much time it is going to take to complete the job or how much it is going to cost, but we do want to do the best we can to make the lake useful for people."

Miller also announced that as of last Friday, the lower Baker powerhouse reconstruction had reached about 67% completion and that the project is about a month ahead of its scheduled September 1, 1968, start-up time. The powerhouse building is essentially finished; the erection of the 70,000-kilowatt generator is about 40% completed; the surge shaft and expansion

chamber, which handle the back up of water in case of a sudden shut-down at the plant, are about 90% complete; the transmission substation, which will receive power from the generator for delivery to Company lines, is about 10% completed.