

\$7,000 Provided

State's Funds Aid River Job

The state will participate in the cost of a riprapping project on Fir Island on the north fork of the Skagit River.

So State Sen. Paul Luvera of

Anacortes said today that he had been informed by the Department of Conservation and Development.

Luvera said the state will put up \$7,000 of the \$17,500 cost.

Skagit County Engineer H. O. Walberg said the work already is under way with Vince Wilder of Bellingham as the contractor.

Rock for the job is being taken from the Fir Island quarry and is being placed on the river bank on the west side of Fir Island in Dike District No. 13.

Walberg said the state is paying 40 per cent of the cost while the county and dike district each pay 30 per cent. This, he added, is the normal arrangement for such projects.

Part of the rock, he added also is being placed at the head of Fir Island.

Not involved is the repair of the dike break on the east side of the island which will be handled as a separate project.

Walberg said the county this past weekend accepted as complete another riprapping job on the Skagit River in Dike District No. 12 near Burlington.