

State Agrees To Help Pay For Dike Job

The State Department of Conservation and Development announced today that the state will pay 40 per cent of the cost of a \$14,800 rip-rapping job on the Skagit River opposite the north city limits of Mount Vernon.

George R. Thompson, assistant director and supervisor of reclamation, said the department will contribute \$5,920 toward the rocking of the river bank.

The Skagit County engineer's office located the job as being between the old Skagit River bridge and the new span now under construction.

On North Bank

The north bank of the river will be rocked between these two structures for a length of 1,600 lineal feet.

"This is a project that Dike District No. 12 has asked for because of the high velocity of the river which is tearing the bank away at that point," Assistant County Engineer H. C. Strombom explained.

He added that construction work in the area also has weakened the bank somewhat, but added that the contractor will be responsible for the protection of the new bridge.

The total cost of the rip-rapping will be divided three ways with the state contributing 40 per cent and the county and dike district 30 per cent apiece. The county and district money will come from the regular tax levies.

"The work is programmed for this summer and probably will be done by a private contractor," Strombom said.