OBJECTIONS TO AVON BYPASS PROJECT AND RELATED PHASES THEREOF
BY
SWINOMISH INDIAN TRIBAL COMMUNITY
LaConner, Washington

This statement is submitted on behalf of the Swinomish Indian
Tribal Community and members of the Swinomish Reservation to the
Corps of Army Engineers in connection with the public hearing
held at the Elks Lodge, Mount Vernon, Washington, January 10,
1964, at 1:30 p.m.

It is the position of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
and the members of the Swinomish Reservation, Skagit County,
Washington, that the Avon Bypass Project and other projects
related to dredging, widening or changing the natural channels and
water flow of the Skagit River may well affect the salmon runs.
If such occurs, then the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and
the members of the Swinomish Reservation will consider this as a
violation and deprivation of the rights granted under the Treaty
of Point Elliott of 1855.

Adequate information is not presently available to determine
the effect such projects would have on the salmon population in
the Skagit River. Such information will be accumulated and
furnished at a later time.

In conclusion, objection is made to these projects insofar
as they, or any of them, may interfere with or affect the salmon
population. Salmon fishing is the major source of livelihood
for the Swinomish Indians, and denial or deprivation thereof
would be a violation of the rights of the Swinomish Indians under
the Treaty of Point Elliott and would cause great hardship.

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