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26 MAY 1978

Miss Edna Breazeale  
1039 Bay View-Edison Road  
Mount Vernon, Washington 98273

Dear Miss Breazeale:

This is in reply to your letter requesting information on the Avon Bypass and Swinomish Channel.

The Avon Bypass project, as authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1936, included a bypass channel to divert excess Skagit River floodflows from the main river near Burlington through a bypass channel to Padilla Bay and also an improvement and extension of the right bank levee from Burlington to Sedro Woolley. The Flood Control Act of 1966 added recreation as a project purpose. Preconstruction planning studies were started in Fiscal Year 1966 and stopped in Fiscal Year 1968 because of lack of a local sponsor. The project was reclassified in April 1972 from "active" to "deferred" status due to the continued inability of local government to assume requirements of sponsorship. In 1977, as provided by Section 12 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974, the Avon Bypass was considered for deauthorization. However, Skagit County opposed the deauthorization at that time since the project could provide a substantial amount of flood protection. Today, the project remains "deferred" and there are no current plans to activate it.

The Swinomish Channel is currently scheduled to be dredged this year. The dredged material will be placed in diked uplands adjacent to the channel. Approximately one-half of the disposed material will be placed on the Swinomish Indian Reservation and about one-half on private land along the channel.

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The Swinomish Tribal Council has applied for a Department of Army permit to construct a bulkhead and place fill and riprap along Swinomish Slough to provide foundation support for a new building. Their application is covered by Public Notice 971-OYB-2-004731 dated 3 April 1978, a copy of which is inclosed for your information.

Thank you for your interest in our work. If we can be of further assistance, please call me, telephone (206) 764-3690, or members of my staff. In regards to permits, please call Mr. Warren Baxter of Regulatory Functions Branch, telephone (206) 764-3495; channel dredging, call Mr. Hiram Arden of Navigation and Flood Control Branch, telephone (206) 764-3400; and the Avon Bypass project, call Mr. Forest Brooks of Regional Planning Section, telephone (206) 764-3621.

Sincerely yours,

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