
Avon Bypass:

Study Authorized, Construction Due in 1968, Flood Council Told

The Avon bypass flood control project should be under construction by 1968, George Dynes told the Skagit County Flood Control council at its annual meeting at the courthouse in Mount Vernon Wednesday night.

Dynes, chairman of the council's five-man committee on the bypass, said two and a quarter million dollars had been authorized for bypass studies. He reported that last week's annual meeting of the Inland Waterways Assn. had voted to support the Avon project.

Dynes said he understood the U. S. Engineers had tentatively selected a site for the first of two Skagit river tributary dams that at some future time would be built to provide protection against a "100-year" flood. This site, about two miles from Rockport, would be for a 150-foot high dam across the Sauk river that would back water all the way to Darrington. The other

dam would be on the Cascade river.

The council reelected Earl Hanson of Mount Vernon as chairman and C. M. Check as secretary-treasurer.

Hanson was authorized to apply for a new UHF radio frequency that could be used by any diking district. It would be close enough to the fire department frequency to permit use of two-channel portable transceivers and make diking district equipment available for fire as well as flood service. The council's old VHF frequency would be retained for those districts not wishing to change present equipment.

The county engineer's office reported the 1964 riverbank protection projects by the various districts completed or nearly so. They represented an expenditure of \$295,251, of which the districts paid \$178,619, the county \$37,255 and the state \$79,377.