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HEARING ON PADILLA BAY DIKE DISTRICTS

A hearing was held before a jury in superior court Wednesday, on the proposed Padilla Bay diking district. The jury returned a directed verdict assessing damages and benefits of the proposed project. The estimated benefit to owners of lands in the territory which it is proposed to drain, was \$1,900,000. There were 126 property owners involved. The estimated benefits were about \$200 an acre, and the nominal estimated damage, \$1 an acre. It is said that there are over 10,000 acres now under water, that will be drained for cultivation.

It is proposed to drain Padilla Bay, which means that the water between the Samish Camp Fire grounds and Hat island will be drained, leaving the camp's point of land, with water only on one side. Bay View will be left miles from any water, if the plans are carried out. The jury which heard testimony in the cases consisted of Joe Manley of Sedro-Woolley, foreman; Smith Osborne and Robert Naubert of this city; J. D. Gowan of Birdsvew; A. Haugland, Ed Just, Lawrence Larsen, C. B. Streeter, Oscar Johnson, George McMillan, Ole Monson and R. L. McDougall.