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## McLeod Points Out Threat of Dams To Fishing at Sportsmen's Banquet

"You can kiss steelhead runs in the Skagit and sockeye runs at Hope island goodbye if the army engineers go through with their plans of constructing a dam at Faber's ferry." Those were the words of Ken McLeod, well-known Seattle sportsman and writer who addressed a large gathering of sportsmen at the annual banquet of the Wildcat Steelhead club held here Thursday evening at the city hall.

Faber Ferry on the Skagit river has already been surveyed by the army engineers as a site for a flood control dam. McLeod, in making his statement, pointed to other such dams in the state and the resultant loss of fishing. Every river in the state of Washington has been marked for one or more dams by this branch of the government, he said. Practically all of the proposed construction has been delayed during the war years, "but now you can expect increased activity to throw up dams everywhere."

### Skagit Has High Value

The commercial and sport fishing value of over a million dollars annually as set by the department of fisheries, hardly scratches the surface, the speaker asserted. Taking into consideration the money spent by out-of-county fishermen who pay for meals, lodging, guides and sporting goods here, this figure comes close to 38 million, he said.

McLeod also urged sportsmen to do everything in their power to defeat Referendum 26, which gives the present governor power to remove game officials from office at any time and puts the game department in the category of a political football.

### Officers Elected

Jim Basset was elected president of the Wildcat Steelhead club for the forthcoming year at an election

of officers held during the meeting. Other officers elected include Jack Fish, vice president; Bill Rivord, recording secretary; Edgar Johnson, secretary-treasurer; Dr. B. W. Richardson and Harold Renfro, trustees.

An interesting film on ducks was shown by Jack Sullivan of Everett in the interests of Ducks Unlimited. The club went on record as favoring a donation toward the new plan of wildlife course in schools. The money goes to defray the cost of courses for teachers which will be held this summer at the University of Washington.

The dinner, put on by the American Legion auxiliary, was attended by 90 sportsmen.