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Waters Drop In Flooded Areas East

**\$20,000 Damage Results
at Fish Hatchery;
Bridges Out**

A fortunate change in the weather was all that prevented a flood of major proportions in the upper Skagit valley the early part of this week. As it was, considerable damage resulted from high waters after four days of torrential rainfall.

An estimated \$20,000 damage occurred at the new Marblemount fish hatchery, where the roaring waters of Jordan creek washed out two fish ponds and did other damage to the new construction there.

Extensive damage resulted in many spots on the Sedro-Woolley-Concrete highway as well. Marble creek bridge, nine miles east of Marblemount was washed out as well as the span over Rocky creek between that community and Rockport.

Wiseman and Hansen creeks, which washed over the roadway between Sedro-Woolley and Lyman, further damaged the already cracked and broken concrete highway and left silt and debris piled high.

Fortunately, the Skagit river reached only bank full and failed to leave its course except in a few minor instances.

Clearing and colder weather over the week-end prevented a flood of major proportions and water this week is rapidly receding in all affected areas. Snow fell in the mountains and foothills the early part of this week.