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MARBLEMOUNT HATCHERY PLANS ARE REVEALED

UP-RIVER PROJECT TO SUPPLY FISH FOR ALL STREAMS IN DISTRICT — LARGE CAPACITY

More details on the new state fish hatchery to be constructed at Marblemount were released last week by the State Fisheries Dept.

The new hatchery will be a rearing station from which the Skagit, Nooksack, and Stillaguamish rivers will be kept stocked. The new station will operate forty concrete rearing ponds 80 feet long and 20 feet wide. Also there will be constructed a hatchery building 172x46 feet, which will be of concrete with a high pitch shake roof.

Water supply, which is the first reason for placing the hatchery at Marblemount will be taken from Clark and Jordan Creeks. Jordan Creek is a cool mountain stream and will supply the major portion of the 8,000 gallon per minute flow required. Clark Creek, which has an almost constant spring water temperature, will be used to temper the other. By use of the two it is expected that an almost perfect rearing temperature can be maintained.

150,000 Salmon To Pond

Each rearing pond will begin the season with 150,000 young salmon fingerlings. As planting progresses this figure will be cut to 40,000 within three months. The remainder of the fish in the ponds will be kept for a rearing period of one year.

The total capacity of the hatchery will be more than four million fish reared for a

period of three months or more and approximately a million and a half will be retained and released as yearlings.

Actual construction of the new plant will begin in the spring. The cost of the project is estimated, at approximately \$165,000.