



**DRAFT TIMELINE OF HISTORICAL EVENTS
ON THE SKAGIT RIVER
1960 – 1969**

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1960	FUNDING 1960 Dike District Tax Levies--General	Dike Districts spent \$124,596. Drainage Districts spent \$57,878.91, Skagit County contributed \$59,878.
1/5/60	SKAGIT RIVER CONFERENCE COE Memorandum For Record ("MFR") 1/6/60	Dike District Commissioners and County Engineer met with COE. Requested "resurvey of the flood problems" on river. Concerned about slough closures on South Fork raising flood levels on North Fork. COE anticipated funding by Congress for new study on Skagit River.
1/12/60	FUNDING Ltr to COE from County, 1/12/60	Between 1944 & 1959, State, County and Dike Districts spent \$1,473,067 on "preventative maintenance" on dikes. COE approved Jackman Creek project. Needed protection from 1909 type floods. Suggested solutions included "setting back dikes, expanding bridge openings, opening sloughs."
1/14/60	FUNDING Flood Cotrol Council Meeting Minutes 1/14/60	State had \$300,000 in flood control funds. Allocated \$120,000 to King & Snohomish County. Had \$950,000 in request for remaining funds.
5/3/60	LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING Ltr to Col. Young fm Lloyd Johnson	Mtg was to be held on May 7th. Wanted Colonel to publicly answer questions: Date of resurvey of Skagit River; any advantage to dike districts consolidating; what flood relief would be afforded by construction of Baker River Dam; why it was so hard to get cost benefit ratio for Skagit flood projects; why did flood project have to be designed to 250,000 cfs when past floods only went to 195,000 cfs. Offered to drop any questions Colonel didn't want to answer.



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5/27/60	DIKE RESTORATION Ltr to County Commissioners from COE.	Repairs to levees by COE from 1959 flood was completed. Levees were returned to "original top height". COE stated, "It is imperative that you recognize the limitation of these levee systems and pursue an active maintenance and flood fighting program to obtain the maximum of flood protection.
1961	<u>REPORT</u> <u>Floods in the Skagit River Basin</u> , by James . Stewart and George Lawrence Bodhaine	
2/6/61	<u>REPORT</u> <u>Land Damage in Skagit Soil Conservation District February 9-13, 1951</u> , by Anton F. Harms, Work Unit Conservationist, Skagit Soil Conservation District	This report deals entirely with damages suffered during 1951 flood.
2/8/61	PUBLIC HEARING <u>Flood Control & Other Improvements</u> , Corps of Engineers	Purpose was to obtain views on flood protection. 154 people attended. 27 people spoke. Comments were directed at dams, levee improvements, by-pass and dredging.