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Colonel Robert J. Kasper
Acting Director of Civil Works
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Dear Colonel Kasper:

On September 12, 1963, I wrote a letter concerning my opposition to the proposed dredging of the Skagit River between Concrete and Mount Vernon. Since writing this letter, I have learned of another proposed project in which your office might be involved.

This proposed project would involve the building of a dam some four and a half miles above the mouth of the Sauk River. Construction of this dam would result in the destruction of a large portion of our King Salmon and Steelhead spawning grounds. I am wondering if the construction of this dam is tied in with the proposed dredging of the Skagit River. It has been reported that a flow of 9,000 cubic feet per second would be required to sustain the proposed Skagit barge channel. I understand that the flow of the Skagit River at certain times drops as low as 4,000 cubic feet per second. It appears that the dam would be built to augment the normal flow of water in the Skagit at low periods.

I am very interested in the cost of building this dam and seriously question whether the cost of the dam would be justified in any increased business that might result in lower transportation costs. Of course, any increase in business that might result would be counterbalanced by the loss to our very important Salmon and Steelhead fisheries. I would also imagine that there will be considerable cost involved in maintaining any proposed channel in the Skagit and dam on the Sauk River.

When we consider the cost involved and the destruction of a large portion of our fisheries, I question the advisability of entering into either of these two projects.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Bill Stinson
Bill Stinson
Representative of Congress