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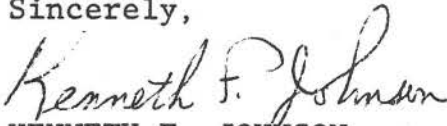
RE: Skagit River Levee Proposal

Dear Mr. Brooks:

During the December 20 public meeting the various effects of Alternative No. 3 were discussed in great detail. While specific protection of each area varied from Plan 3A through 3E, all proposals relied totally on higher levees and some channel improvement. These high levees, while protecting property behind them, also place upstream property, the Clear Lake-Nookachamps, etc. areas, at the mercy of higher water flows. The trade off is unacceptable. Any system of flood protection that causes more flooding elsewhere must be re-evaluated. All facilities in the Nookachamps area are elevated above historic high water marks. At this late time, to man induce more flooding is unacceptable.

For flood protection to be totally effective on the Skagit, Alternative 2 low levees combined with either upstream storage or Avon bypass channel must be constructed. This combination could be counted on to give all areas of the valley improved flood protection and no one area have to accept unbearable consequential damages.

Sincerely,


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