

R.O.S.S. COMMITTEE  
( RUN OUT SKAGIT SPOILERS )  
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**Provenance:** Run Out Skagit Spoilers Committee  
**Title:** Run Out Skagit Spoilers Committee fonds  
**Dates:** 1968-1978  
**Physical desc.:** 2.5 m of textual records  
**Bio/Admin History:** In 1941, under provisions of the 'Boundary Waters Treaty' (1909), the City of Seattle applied to the International Joint Commission to raise the level of the reservoir on the Skagit River. This application was approved in 1942. By 1967 it had become necessary to raise the Ross Dam to increase electricity supplies to the City of Seattle. The proposal would have resulted in the flooding of almost 5,000 acres of the Skagit Valley in B.C. By 1969 outdoor and environmental groups began to lobby against the plan citing the devastating ecological ramifications. The R.O.S.S. (Run Out Skagit Spoilers) Committee was formed in 1969 as a coalition of numerous interest groups which organized protests against raising the dam. Plans to flood the Skagit Valley were delayed in light of the public outcry.  
**Scope/Content:** The fonds consists of correspondence, thesis, printed material and other related records pertaining to the R.O.S.S. Committee's attempts to save the Skagit Valley (1968-1978).  
**Title source:** Title based on the contents of the fonds.  
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Federal Power Commission Hearings, Vol. 1 - 67,  
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5-10	Correspondence - Politic (Federal) & Policy Paper of Canada	May 1973 - July 1975
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5-12	Briefs submitted to FPC 1) K.Summers 2) B.C. Wildlife Fed.& maps	Apr. 1974
5-13	Misc. - press releases & personal notes on SCL witnesses	June 1974 - May 1975
5-14	Perry, Thomas I.- Skagit Valley. Controversy Case History in Environmental Politics.	n.d.
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5-16	Briefs on R.O.S.S. Committee & Brousson	March 1, 1977 April 8, 1976

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8-6	<u>Effects on Sport Fisheries of Proposed Increased</u> <u>Water Storage Levels in Ross Reservoir</u> M.R. Whately	Sept. 1970
8-7	Information on Recreational Supply and demand: B.C.	Feb. 1964 - Feb. 1970
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11-4	<u>Draft Environmental Input Statement. F.P.C.</u>	Oct. 1973
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- 12-2 Brief of R.O.S.S. Committee in Opposition to Applications May 30, 1975
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A cassette including songs, "A plea for Skagit Valley, Ice of Thunder and Forest Evening."

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