

Skagit Valley Research Collection / Ian E. Efford (collector)

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Collection Description

Skagit Valley research collection. - 1969-1982.

13 cm of textual records.

35 photographs.

Collector's Biographical Sketch

Ian Efford was an ecologist and a professor in the University of British Columbia's Institute of Resource Ecology. He also served as director of the Marion Lake Project.

Efford was asked to serve as an ecological consultant on the Skagit Valley project designed to raise the height of the Ross Dam on the Skagit River to provide more hydroelectric capacity for the City of Seattle. The proposal would have resulted in the flooding of some 5,000 acres of the Skagit Valley in British Columbia. Efford, as well as numerous other interest groups, opposed the development. Adverse public reaction delayed plans to flood the valley.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of correspondence, briefs, reports, speeches, clippings, and photographs relating to the history of the Skagit Valley project and the subsequent lobbying on the part of the ROSS (Run Out Skagit Spoilers) Committee (1969-1982).

Notes

File list available.

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- 1-1 Photocopied statistical information re: Skagit River near Hope and Ross reservoir (1915, 1954, 1971)
- 1-2/3 Correspondence and notes (1969-1975)
- 1-4 Seattle City Light - Brochures
- 1-5 Newspaper Clippings (1969-1975)
- 1-6 Printed Material Order of Approval for Ross Dam (1941)
Agreement between British Columbia and the City of Seattle entitled "Exhibit One" (1953)
Testimony at May 7, 1970 Public Hearing of Seattle City Council Public Utilities Committee Relative to Financial Policies of Seattle City Light (1970)
Information from J.R. Aramburu re: Seattle City Light sent to Ecological Committee on Ross Dam (1971)
Society for Pollution and Environmental Control. "A Brief to the International Joint Commission on the Proposed Flooding of the Skagit Valley in Canada" (June 1971)
Ian Efford. "The Environmental Consequences in Canada Resulting from the Elevation of Ross Lake on the Skagit River" (June 1971)
Ian Efford. "Brief to Seattle City Council on 31st March, 1972"
- 1-7 Briefs
Affidavit of Herschel F. Jones - Before the Federal Power Commission (January 1973)
List of Exhibits to Accompany Testimony of Herschel F. Jones
Photocopy of agreement between British Columbia and City of Seattle (1967)
- 1-8 "Major Points - For Cutdown" - Jack Allison (March 1971)
Ian Efford - "The Skagit Valley as an Example of Environmental Decision Making" - Address given to Save Our Parklands Association (September 1971)
Press release - "Skagit Valley Recreation Area" (October 1973)
Dept. of External Affairs - "Submission by Canada Regarding the Skagit Valley to the Federal Power Commission" (March 1974)
News item for Nature Canada by Tom Perry "FPC Hearings Begin on Skagit

- Valley" (April 1974)
Seattle City Light's Power System (n.d.)
- 1-9 Newsletters
The Canadian Skagit (Vols. 2,4,5,6,7: 1971)
ROSS [Run Out Skagit Spoilers] Committee Up-Date on Skagit Valley (April 1974)
ROSS Committee - Information Broadsheets 2,3 (June 1974)
"Skagit Update" (November 1974)
- 1-10 "The Wild Cascades" (May 1970)
"B.C. Government View on Skagit" B.C. Conservationist No. 2 (1971)
Krutilla, John V. "Balancing Extractive Industries with Wildlife Habitats"
Transactions of the Thirty-Third North American Wildlife Management
Institute (1968)
"North Cascades Complex" (August 1970)
North Cascades Conservation Council. "Review of High Ross Dam Project"
(June 1971)
"Treaty Concerning the Canadian International Boundary" (1908)
"Final Report - Rainy Lake Reference" (n.d.)
"A Regional Parks Plan for the Lower Mainland Region" (1966)
- 1-11 35 Photographs consisting primarily of original photographs used in "The
Future of the Skagit Valley" (1975)
- 1-11a "Skagit Valley at the Crossroads: A briefing booklet on the High Ross Dam -
Skagit Valley controversy" Ross Committee (1980)
- 1-12 Ross Committee Newsletters:
October 10, 1980
January 23, 1981
March 4, 1981
September 8, 1981
December 9, 1981
April 5, 1982
August 24, 1982
- 1-13 Newspaper Clippings (1982)

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Miscellaneous

Perry, Thomas "The Skagit Valley Controversy: A Case History in Environmental Politics" in *Alternatives* (Spring 1975)

Skagit Valley Brochure