

**NEWS RELEASE**

November 28, 2017

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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN,  
SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL,  
THE SUN

RE: Skokomish River Levee Advisory

Mason County is alerting Skokomish Valley residents to damage sustained to a private levee on the Skokomish River in Mason County by the recent storms during the week of November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The damaged levee is located on the south side of the North Fork and South Fork Skokomish River confluence. Levee failure or potential river avulsion could create a hazard near the 3500 block of Skokomish Valley Road. A preliminary evaluation of the levee has been completed and further inspection will occur this week to determine what emergency repairs may be necessary to safeguard lives and property.

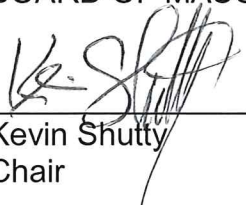
Valley residents are asked to monitor water over the Skokomish Valley Road near the 3000 - 3500 block and to alert MACECOM or Mason County Emergency Management if the flow becomes deeper than one foot at this location. Residents should be prepared to shelter in place or evacuate as a safety measure, should this occur.

Residents are reminded to visit the county web page and sign up for emergency alerts. River gage information for the Skokomish River and the North Fork Skokomish River near Potlatch can be found at the NWS links below.

<https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=sew&gage=srpw1> Skokomish River

<https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=sew&gage=nspw1> North Fork Skokomish River

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