PUBLIC COMMENT: Ray Cadwell, Crockett Lake: no problem 5 years' ago; the problem began last year and is a health hazard, specifically he is allergic to mosquito bites.

Don Barber, Crockett Lake: agreed there was no mosquito problem until the lake had more water.

Lynnanne Fruik: mosquito problem severe enough her children cannot play outside; felt it is a health problem and health risk.

E. J. Millenbach, Keystone Road: lake used to flush in and out, trying to control the lake and hold it steady is not working. Used to be frogs in the lake to eat the larva; something should be done by all property owners around Crockett Lake.

Dean Harlan, Crockett Lake Drive: noted recent Letter to the Editor by Irene Wanamaker; hoped the Board would seek any means to help; felt the problem began with Seattle Pacific University (SPU) wanting to preserve the lake for their use.

Penny Roetter, residing by NAS OLF Runway: agreed with previous comments; mosquitos just as bad where she lives; feels there is a health problem, as her horses had to be vaccinated before transporting them into other counties for shows.

John Bonotto, Patmore Road: petition circulating to ask the Board to exercise authority to form a mosquito abatement district but signatures held in abeyance in expectation that the problem be solved in other ways. The environment has been completely overwhelmed with mosquitos. Noted other parts of the country where such problems had been cured expeditiously with adequate control procedures on an on-going basis. Recommended: the Health Department make an independent survey using State facilities to determine if other than the saltwater mosquito exists in the environment and concern themselves with the health problem of mental stress; (2) cooperate/consult with State Health Department and State Parks regarding how mosquito problems are handled in other parts of the State; and (3) consult with other State entities that have successfully solved serious mosquito problems (Cook County, Illinois, and the City of Chicago); noted natural enemies of mosquitos (in Texas - a purple martin swallow and a bat).

Louise Reuble, Fort Casey Road: problems on the farm with mosquitos driving cattle and draft horses crazy; concerned with areas already infested; a health hazard and health irritant.

Bob Brown (resides 1/2 mile from Crockett Lake): SPU action against the District created the mosquito problem and government should require SPU to clean it up.

Rosemary Brown: observed the problem as trillions of mosquitos in funnel clouds hitting the windshield like tiny little flecks in a snow storm. It is a health problem as mental stress; a social problem reducing the quality of life in the area; and an economic problem trying to sell property in the vicinity of Crockett Lake, lowering of tourism because of the problem resulting in lost tax revenue.

Eli Hamblet, Halsey Drive: Commissioners should appropriate funds to fight the mosquitos.

Joanne Winthrop, Ledgewood Beach, lot owner, Admiral's Cove: attested to the serious mosquito problem in other areas and not just Crockett Lake.

Bill Dorsey, Coupeville: referred to "foolish moves" by the Drainage District, SPU and the County damaged all citizens in Coupeville Ebey's Landing National Historic Reserve; that any insect drawing blood from warm-blooded animals including humans is a potential health hazard.

Casey Jones, Admiral's Cove: disagreed with raising level of the lake since it is a migratory feeding station for birds migrating south and north; before the lake level was raised, small birds on overnight stops ate eggs of the mosquitos.

Jenny Beller, student: talked about the terrible mosquito problem such she can no longer ride her bike around Crockett Lake as she likes; mosquito swarms everywhere.

Irene Wanamaker, Wanamaker Road: discussed the suggestion to control the breeding area; since this mosquito lays eggs in the soil with the hope water comes over them, questioned with acres and acres of grass and vegetation on the east end of the Lake how it is proposed to cover all of that area since the mosquitos would keep moving back into the soil --adding water will flood the road, and all the marsh in back of Telaker Shores. Has lived on the Lake 53 years, served as Drainage District #6 Commissioner until SPU took the District to court to bring in the saltwater so the lake could be used for their recreational purposes. Since there were no mosquitos until the saltwater was brought in, the lake should be as it was prior to 1988 when a ring of mud was around the lake, a lake of active water, no grass, no vegetation. The total ecology and environment of the lake has changed; much of the trees, grass and vegetation dead; saltwater killed the vegetation, frogs, etc. fed on. A study was done by the Wildlife Service recommending in the Spring and Fall that the lake be drawn down to 2 to 3' of water so that the shore and migratory birds would have mudflats. The Drainage District assesses property owners within the boundaries of the District on the basis of amount of property; State Parks now has nearly all the south part of the lake; National Parks Service owns a good deal of the northern shore; SPU with a very small area, and the back lots of Telaker Shores, and the big marsh in back of Telaker Shores owned by Mr. Farmer. Confirmed the Drainage District spent $16,000 for a 1986 study "Crockett Lake Drainage Basin Management Study by ENTRANCO Engineers" an ecological study.

Richard Davis, Coupeville: agreed with other speakers attesting to the severe mosquito infestation.

Steve Smith, Coupeville: as a farmer, cited the problem as an economic disaster for him - representing zero dollars if he cannot get field hand help to get the cabbage crop in; workers do not want to work because of the mosquito problem.

Louann Wilson, Patmore Road: agreed there is a major problem; 4 children elementary age and a day care in her home; impossible to go outside; children covered from head to toe with big welts; it is a health issue to her.

Craig Barrett, Coupeville: had concerns with the mosquito problem, and reviewed some comments with Mr. Meehan with regard to what can be sprayed on the eggs.

Dave Eldridge, Wanamaker Road: questioned amount of study really done; saw a need for more research expeditiously; level of the lake not as critical as the makeup of the water.

Bill Clark, Fort Casey/Engle Road: in view of data needed and the fact that time is critical, and that flooding will not solve the problem short term, recommended draining the lake in the dry season, fix the flood gate, spray, and during winter/late fall fill the lake with fresh water.

Al Waln, Wanamaker Road: even though very much bothered by the mosquitos, felt Crockett Lake valuable as a bird and wildlife refuge and would be disappointed if it were destroyed only to rid the area of mosquitos.

Don Ellsworth, Crockett Lake Heights: this is not just a Crockett Lake Drainage District problem, rather an Island County problem