

BIG BAR LANDSLIDE UPDATE

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Incident Webpage



BC River Forecast




A helicopter unloads salmon above the slide.



Salmon can now be moved by road after a successful trial run.

- A successful trial run of transporting salmon by road was conducted yesterday. This method is now available to use. Ground transport will be vital to handle increased numbers when the pink salmon run arrives. It also presents the possibility of continuing to move fish into the evening, when helicopters can no longer fly, though the logistics and safety of this are still being assessed.
- Yesterday was a productive day for the rock scalers, who succeeded in moving two large boulders. Today, they will conduct rock scaling on the east wall of the canyon to later allow the installation of anchors and wire lines that will facilitate the continuing restoration of the passage. To date, an estimated 28,780 salmon have swum past the landslide.
- Water levels continue to drop, which is beneficial to operations and contributes to an easier passage for fish travelling upstream. The constantly changing conditions require rock scalers and other crew members to continually re-assess plans and adapt.
- The team continues to work on a number of strategies to increase the number of fish caught and transported, including working on the second fish wheel and the possibility of dip-netting. The potential for a road into the base of the slide, as well as moving a specialized excavator to the site, continues to be investigated. These measures would substantially aid efforts to restore the natural passage.

Salmon Transported by Helicopter

Daily Total			Total to Date	
Sockeye: 2542	Chinook: 48		Sockeye: 48566	Chinook: 8406
Coho: —	Pink: 48		Coho: 3	Pink: 97