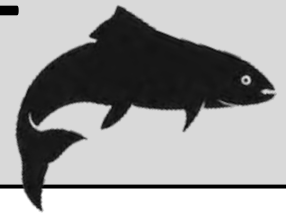


BIG BAR LANDSLIDE UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019



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BC River Forecast



Rock manipulation continues to help maintain and improve the natural passage.



A First Nations seining crew returns to the Incident Command Post after weeks of working to catch and transport fish at the landslide site.

- Helicopters continued to sluice the east wall of the canyon to support rock-scaling efforts. This operation involves helicopters bringing large buckets of water on a longline and releasing it down the cliff face to clear the rock face of hazardous debris.
- A successful test on the second fish wheel was conducted yesterday, a milestone for crews who have been working hard to get it operational. The fish wheel is now on standby, ready for use if required.
- Equipment was demobilized at some of the beaches, where it is not currently required for fishing, and some crews have departed the site to rest and recover. Those remaining on site are busy cleaning, organizing and conducting maintenance on equipment, helipads, trails and roads. The team is prepared to resume fish capture and transport if required.
- A strategy has been developed to guide the response in the event that pink salmon, when they arrive in large numbers, cannot swim past the landslide. Fishing and transport efforts would be quickly underway to move as many salmon as possible.
- Rock scalers are working to remove a boulder from the east canyon wall that presents safety risks. Work to improve and maintain the natural passage continues as water levels fluctuate.

FISH SWIMMING PAST THE LANDSLIDE

Latest daily total: 8,514

Total to date: 139,183



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