



INCIDENT NAME

Big Bar Landslide

INCIDENT LOCATION

North of Big Bar on the Fraser River

DATE PREPARED

August 3, 2019



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UPDATES

- There is a daily average of 95 personnel assigned to the Big Bar Landslide incident, at both the Incident Command Post in Lillooet and in the field. The magnitude of this incident has required an unprecedented level of response and cooperation from everyone involved. However, there is a strong partnership in place with the federal and provincial governments and First Nations. We are all working together and focusing on our primary objective of improving the safe passage for salmon.
- First Nations Incident Commander Greg Witzky likened the collaborative efforts to an arrow:

“The people in the field are the [arrow]head, the [Unified Command] personnel are the shaft, and the Executive Steering Committee are the feathers that guide the direction of the arrow”

- Greg Witzky, Incident Commander

- Blasting on the rockface went well on Thursday evening. Crews are making encouraging progress building a natural fish passage on the river’s edge.
- The temperature in the Fraser River has been trending downward, which is beneficial for the health of the fish.
- The Kitsumkalum fish wheel went through successful testing yesterday. Full operation of the wheel is expected to commence in the near future.
- The capture and transport operations continue to ramp up and remain successful. As of today approximately 3600 Sockeye and Chinook salmon have been transported upstream from the slide.



Blasting operations at the landslide site.

A video of the operation can be found here: https://youtu.be/uGb_C71DEnI



River specialist boats towing the Fish Wheel in to position.

A video of the operation can be found here: <https://youtu.be/jn9pdHbfwJ8>



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