

BIG BAR LANDSLIDE UPDATE

MAY 15, 2020



ONGOING ONSITE OPERATIONS



PICTURED: Work continues on the platform as part of the pneumatic fish pump system installation.

This week, site preparation continued for the arrival of the pneumatic fish pump system, also known as the Whooshh Passage Portal. The first two-lane system will be operational in early June, which is later than expected due to significant complexities with installing the mounting hardware that will support the long tubes on the canyon wall.

Fish typically start arriving at the slide site in mid-May. Various species will continue migrating through the area until November, with the sockeye peak migration expected to occur in mid-late August. DFO is working closely with local First Nations to transport early arrivals 4.5 km upstream until the two-lane system is operational. A 'truck and transport' method will be used with specially designed tanks. This system will also be available in case there are any gaps in Whooshh operation

throughout the season.

This week marked another significant milestone on the Big Bar project: the completion of the concrete fish ladder. The ladder will allow fish to swim up to a holding pool where they will either enter the Whooshh Passage Portal or be collected for truck transport. Last week's Info Bulletin included a [full feature on the concrete fish ladder](#).


Construction is now focused on:

- building the foundation for the Whooshh Passage Portal;
- installing a pad for the generators that will power the pump system; and
- constructing the support structures to mount the tubes.

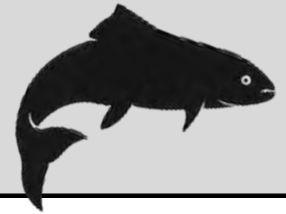
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TOP: Progress on the concrete fish ladder construction.

BOTTOM: Generators on this pad will power the pneumatic fish pump system.