

BIG BAR LANDSLIDE UPDATE

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Incident Webpage BC River Forecast

- Short interviews with field staff have been uploaded to the Big Bar webpage, under the section "Meet the People". A fish biologist, a fisherman, operational supervisors and the fish wheel operator talk about what they do and how their work is contributing to saving the salmon.
- Road construction crews and engineers are making progress establishing a road that will be used to transport salmon upstream, via trucks. This operation will work simultaneously with helicopter transport in order to maximize the amount of salmon that are bypassing the obstruction.
- While relocating salmon upstream by helicopter is very effective and will remain ongoing, trucks will also be used to transport salmon in aerated holding tanks. Trucks provide a second approach to salmon transport as helicopter operations are reliant on weather conditions. Thunderstorms, fog and wind have the ability to compromise air safety and prevent helicopter use.
- Yesterday, radio tagging operations were conducted again. This enables fish biologists to monitor salmon and track movement. Monitoring is critical to provide information about fish movement and the impact of our operations on migration success.




Road construction progress.




This image shows an excavator used for road construction and two helicopters conducting salmon transport operations.

Salmon Transported by Helicopter

Daily Total			Total to Date	
Sockeye: 2,681	Chinook: 291		Sockeye: 20,753	Chinook: 5,698

Salmon Radio Tagging

Downstream From the Landslide			Transferred Upstream of the Landslide	
Sockeye: 125	Chinook: 97		Sockeye: 64	Chinook: 56