

BIG BAR LANDSLIDE UPDATE

AUGUST 26, 2019



Incident Webpage

BC River Forecast

- On August 25, 2019, the daily total of salmon transported via helicopter past the slide was 2,500 making the total of fish transported to date 38, 658. These numbers continue to increase thanks to the determination and dedication of the response members in the field.
- A second fish wheel is being built today and will be operational within the next few days. Fish wheels and beach seining are very effective methods of capturing fish for transportation by helicopter upstream.
- If conditions permit, helicopters will begin work to move parts of a fish ladder in to place at the base of the landslide tomorrow, for eventual deployment in the water when all components are ready and in place.
- Specialists continue to evaluate the incident site to strategically place rocks to create more pools, short drops and back eddies to allow fish to progress naturally through the blockage. Additional resources are continually being added to the operation as required. An additional rock scaler crew will be on site within the next few days to help restore the natural fish passage.




Staging area near the site of the incident.




Beach seining crew bringing in the fishing net.

Salmon Transported by Helicopter

Daily Total			Total to Date	
Sockeye: 2,250	Chinook: 250		Sockeye: 29,049	Chinook: 7,105
Coho: -	Pink: -	Coho: 1	Pink: 3	

Salmon Radio Tagging

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