

BIG BAR LANDSLIDE UPDATE

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Incident Webpage

BC River Forecast



Sockeye salmon fitted with a radio tag
Photo by Gina Anderson @gina-gerl imaging.



Crew prepares equipment for radio-tagging salmon.
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- Due to the high numbers of salmon successfully swimming past the landslide, focus has shifted from transporting fish via helicopter to radio tagging passing salmon, along with other methods of monitoring. Pink salmon, which are expected to arrive in large numbers soon, are being closely tracked to assess their ability to travel upstream. So far, radio-tagged pink salmon are successfully swimming past the slide. The Incident Management Team is prepared to immediately resume catching and transporting fish by helicopter and road if required.
- Crews will visit two hydroacoustic monitoring sites upstream of the slide today to gather data to continue to assess the health and movement of fish swimming past the slide.
- Rock scalers continue to work at the base of the slide, on the west side of the river, to further open the passage for fish. Crews are also continuing to scale the east canyon wall to allow the installation of an anchor point, which will facilitate further work to restore the passage. Water levels continue to drop, so plans are constantly evolving to meet the changing conditions.



Crews fit a radio tag on a salmon. Photo by Gina Anderson @gina-gerl imaging.

Salmon Fitted with Radio Tags

Salmon Transported by Helicopter

Daily Total (Sept 5)

Total to Date



Sockeye: 77	Chinook: —	Sockeye: 51449	Chinook: 8522
Coho: —	Pink: 51	Coho: 3	Pink: 372