



INCIDENT NAME

Big Bar Landslide

INCIDENT LOCATION

North of Big Bar on the Fraser River

DATE PREPARED

July 12 2019



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UPDATES

- The Fraser River continues to be affected by a significant amount of debris and sediment from upstream. No acoustic fish monitoring data was collected yesterday because the river was not clean enough for sonar operations. Staff continue to be on standby until it is safe and effective to proceed with this work.
- Scalers made good progress yesterday in removing loose rock from the site. Helicopter and sluicing operations continues to be an available tactic and will be used when necessary.
- Yesterday, the First Nations Leadership Panel convened for the third time to discuss and consider fish passage mitigation options. The panel is jointly led by Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development and First Nations leadership throughout the Fraser River watershed and river approach area. To date, three staged fish passage mitigation options and support for collaborative monitoring methods have been agreed upon by the panel via consensus amongst leaders.
- Fish catch and tag methods to track the quantity of fish traveling through the slide site are scheduled to begin as soon as possible. Once data is gathered and analyzed it will be used by the Environmental Unit for future recommendations.
- A swift water expert will assess the site for safety. This assessment will factor into the feasibility of some options for action.



The height of the rockface is approximately 120 metres.



The Fraser River continues to fill with debris, which is impacting methods of sourcing data regarding fish passage.

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