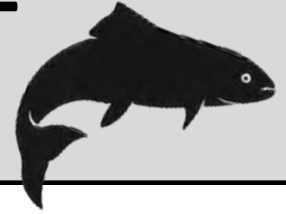


BIG BAR LANDSLIDE UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019



 Incident Webpage

 BC River Forecast

- The Big Bar Landslide remains a government-to-government-to-government response, as envisioned and implemented from the beginning of the incident. This includes First Nations, Provincial and Federal representatives. Just over 80 personnel continue to work on site at the Incident Command Post in Lillooet.
- Fish transport operations remain on hold as Chinook, Sockeye, Pink and Coho salmon all continue to achieve natural passage. Over the weekend, due to weather conditions, rock scaling and sluicing operations will be limited. Responder safety remains the top priority.



Chinook, Sockeye, Pink and Coho salmon continue to achieve natural passage through the Big Bar Landslide. Photo by Gina Anderson @gina-gerl imaging.

Quotes from the Incident Command Post

“A Unified Command Incident Management Team is like an arrow. The people in the field are the arrowhead, the office personnel are the shaft, and the Joint Executive Steering Committee are the feathers that guide the direction of the arrow.”

- Greg Witzky, Incident Commander

“The overall experience has been challenging yet gratifying, while our focus is to save the salmon, this is out of the box, we have created a structure and process that First Nations leadership have endorsed as a requirement for reconciliation. The Incident Command structure continues to evolve to accommodate this unique process and will be a template for future responses in our changing climate as well as supporting government to government relationship building.”

- Gord Sterritt, Joint Executive Steering Committee

“The magnitude of this incident has required an unprecedented level of response and cooperation from everyone involved. However, we have a strong partnership in place with the federal and provincial governments and First Nations. We are all working together and focusing on our primary objective and that is improving the safe passage for salmon.”

- Al Magnan, Environmental Unit Lead

FISH SWIMMING PAST THE LANDSLIDE (estimated)

Latest daily total: 5,000

Total to date: 181,500



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