Big Bar Landslide: Timeline of Key Events

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Summer

June 2019

June 23
Slide reported to DFO

June 28
Acoustic monitors installed

June 29
Incident command post created in Lillooet, BC

July 1
Local First Nations contacted and invited to collaborate as partners

July 2
Joint Executive Steering Committee (JESC) created

July 2019

July 4
Rock scaling begins to provide safe working conditions at base of slide

July 8
First Nations Leadership Panel created

July 17
Radio tagging begins

July 20
Beach seining and helicopter transport of fish begins

July 22
Controlled blast to remove rock from wall for placement in river

Aug 2019

August 11
1st fish wheel operational

August 16
High Bar & Canoe Creek First Nation archeological monitoring commences

August 17
Fish transport road construction commence

August 20
Initial salmon able to swim past slide via partly restored fish passage

August 31
Rock scalers move large boulders to clear passage

Sept 2019

September 6
More than 140,000 salmon have swum past the slide

Fall

Oct 2019

October 1
Incident command response phase transitions to project management phase

October 3-17
Winter site preparation work, including final *Fisheries Act* review for in-river blasting and construction work

October 17
Demobilization of on-site equipment and crew complete, intensive planning process for winter work begins

October 21
Big Bar Landslide JESC workshop to advance planning and procurement

Nov 2019

October 23
Fish radio tagging operations end

November 27
Request for Information (RFI) posted by Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC)

Dec 2019

December 6
RFI closes

December 8/9
Contingency planning technical team meeting

December 10
Archeology work for overland site access begins

December 18
PSPC tender period opens

December 27
PSPC tender closes

Winter

Jan 2020

December 31
Peter Kiewit Sons ULC awarded contract for winter rock remediation by PSPC

January 9
High Bar and Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation meet with PSPC, Kiewit & JESC to develop Indigenous Benefit Plan

January 14
Equipment fully mobilized to slide, winter work commences

January 17
DFO Minister Jordan meets with HBFN & SXFN leadership and Kiewit for site visit

January 23
Tripartite after action review of incident command phase

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