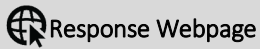
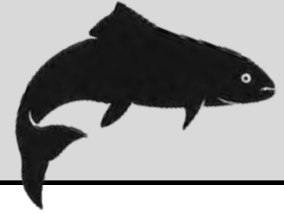


# BIG BAR LANDSLIDE UPDATE

FEBRUARY 21, 2020



## SUCCESSFUL INITIAL BLASTING OF THE BIG BAR EAST TOE



**ABOVE:** The East Toe as seen before (left) and after (right) the initial blasting, which occurred on February 18.  
**BELOW:** A flurry of activity on the overland access route construction including drilling, rock bolting, excavation and a bulldozer pushing embankment towards the West Beach.

The Government of Canada, the Province of British Columbia and First Nations continue to work in partnership to oversee progress at the Big Bar landslide site.

This week, Peter Kiewit & Sons successfully carried out a planned blast at the East Toe. Kiewit also made solid progress on the construction of an overland road for heavy equipment, on the installation of a highline to facilitate site access and on rock fall prevention.

The East Toe blast, which took place on February 18, removed a large portion of bedrock extending into the river at the site of the slide. The result is a widened channel and more flow directed toward the east river bank. Acoustic monitoring downstream of the slide did not detect any fish in the area before

the blast and no fish mortality was detected.

Drilling on the East Toe will now resume in preparation for a second blast in early March, depending on the weather. Scaling, rock fall protection measures and daily geotechnical monitoring continues to occur as worker safety is always of utmost importance.

