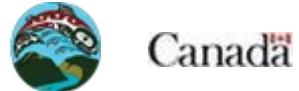




Big Bar Landslide

Unified Command Incident Management



Sockeye and Chinook successfully swimming past Big Bar Landslide, Pink arrivals to be monitored

The Big Bar Landslide Unified Command Incident Management Team has temporarily ceased helicopter transfer operations of salmon at the Big Bar landslide.

Evidence through acoustic monitoring, radio tags, and visual observations confirms that Chinook and Sockeye salmon are swimming through the landslide unaided in large numbers. This is due to the rock manipulation efforts from our scaling crew members, as well as decreasing water levels.

Over the next few days, the focus of operations will shift to monitoring Pink salmon to determine if they will be able to also travel past the area of the slide and continue to migrate upstream. Pink salmon do not have the same size and swimming speed of other salmon. If Pinks are unable to replicate the similar success in achieving natural passage as Chinook and Sockeye, transfer operations by helicopter and truck will resume.

There will be a media briefing via teleconference on Friday. A media advisory with call-in details and further information will go out Thursday.

The Government of Canada, the Province of British Columbia, and First Nations continue to work together on, and through, a Unified Command (UC) Incident Management Team to explore and address every avenue possible for the success of salmon migration.

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