

SITUATION UPDATE – COOKE AQUACULTURE

Tuesday, Sept. 19

On Tuesday, Sept. 19, Cooke Aquaculture Pacific (CAP) staff spent the day offloading the Cypress Island Site 2 predator barrier net, along with some bio debris, into trucks for removal and disposal.

All materials were weighed and net samples were taken by the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR). DNR and tribal representatives were on site during most of the offload operation.

On Wednesday, the company, working with a salvage and dive contractor, will continue the site cleanup. A large crane barge will be used to offload the site's weight system and anchors. This equipment will be stored at a private yard for inspection. Further scanning and searching of the sea floor will also be conducted on Wednesday.

Contract and CAP divers have tagged various sunken items for removal and a small crane barge will be deployed on Thursday to retrieve those items.

Daily water quality sampling shows no irregularities compared with ambient samples taken up and downstream from the site. These results are shared daily with the appropriate government agencies.

Anyone catching Atlantic salmon believed to be escaped from the farm site is asked to voluntarily report catch numbers and locations online here:

http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/salmon/atlantic_catch_map.php