

SITUATION UPDATE – COOKE AQUACULTURE

Wednesday, Sept. 6

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, crews continued dismantling the Cypress Island Farm Site 2 that was damaged in August.

All outrigger and outside walkway sections were removed from the farm's main walkway and staged for lifting. Some sections were lifted onto the work barge on Wednesday and all but three sections of the farm's main walkway have also been staged for lifting and removal.

Cooke and salvage contractors have also recovered several anchors and associated bottom hardware.

The predator net, which encircles the entire farm, has been secured and rigged for lifting tomorrow (Thursday). Salvage divers will be on standby for this operation.

Sonar services will commence for sea floor assessment shortly – this work will be carried out for marking and recovery of individual items.

The company's final count on fish removed from the damaged structure is 145,851. This includes 5,166 fish that were harvested before the major damage occurred on Aug. 20. In addition, Cooke crews captured 388 escaped Atlantic salmon using beach seines under an emergency permit issued by the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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.

Tribal, commercial, and recreational fishers who recapture Atlantic salmon from the site are asked to voluntarily report catch numbers and locations online

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