

SITUATION UPDATE – COOKE AQUACULTURE

Thursday, Aug. 31 – 5pm

On Thursday, Cooke Aquaculture crews continued working to dismantle the damaged Cypress Island farm site #2 in addition to cutting nets and cage pieces in preparation for removal from the water. On Friday, crews plan to remove some of the damaged cage material from the water and offload it on shore.

The site is now clear of fish. The total number of fish recovered from the damaged farm site is 142,176.

Of 500 recovered fish that were sampled today, all stomachs were empty.

Water quality samples are being conducted daily at locations alongside the farm site and outside the site - and show no adverse effects. Results are being provided daily to the Unified Incident Command.

Tribal, commercial and recreational fishers continue to recapture fish that escaped the enclosure and Washington's Department of Fish and Wildlife is collecting data on those catches.

Catches can be reported online here: http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/salmon/atlantic_catch_map.php