

SITUATION UPDATE – COOKE AQUACULTURE

Tuesday, Aug. 29 – 8:30pm

By the end of work on Tuesday, Aug. 29, Cooke Aquaculture and the salvage contractor were able to remove three nets from the damaged Cypress Island Farm Site #2 and they removed 19,810 fish from the site.

This brings the total number of fish removed from the site to 141,576. Before the site was damaged last weekend, it was stocked with 305,000 Atlantic salmon.

Favorable conditions on the water allowed the crews to work until dark Tuesday evening. Work for the day was completed at around 8:30pm.

On Wednesday, the plan is to pump more fish out of the farm system, remove at least one more net and attempt to remove some of the farm's walkway sections.

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