

## **SITUATION UPDATE – COOKE AQUACULTURE**

*Tuesday, Sept. 13*

On Wednesday, Sept. 13, Cooke crews continued working on the removal of the Cypress Farm Site 2 predator barrier net – a large net that encircles the farm to keep predators away from the Atlantic salmon stock. Once the net is fully removed from the water and loaded onto a barge, a disposal plan will be executed involving a waste removal contractor using multiple trucks in order to expedite the disposal process. The predator net disposal operations could begin on Friday.

All of the walkway structures and the 10 stock nets have been removed from the water. The structures are stored and available for inspection by applicable state agencies and tribal governments.

Side sonar scanning of the area will begin soon. The scanning will determine the precise location of any remaining gear that needs to be removed by divers. Cooke will meet with the salvage contractor to review sonar results and discuss retrieval of gear – an operation that is expected to take place next week.

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](http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/salmon/atlantic_catch_map.php)