

SITUATION UPDATE – COOKE AQUACULTURE

Saturday, Sept. 2

On Saturday, Cooke Aquaculture crews continued to deconstruct damaged net pen array two, removing two more nets and multiple outriggers and walkways. Two anchors and a feed hopper were also recovered from the site.

To date, seven nets and various walkway sections, floats, and cage equipment have been offloaded at Curtis Wharf. All materials offloaded have been made available for inspection by Unified Incident Command and tribal government representatives at the Port of Anacortes.

The last three nets removed have yielded 375 fish, bringing the total number of fish recovered from the damaged farm site to 142,551.

Recovered fish continued to be offloaded to trailers for bio digesting into energy and fertilizer. This work is expected to be completed today.

Water quality samples are being conducted daily at locations up current, adjacent to, and down current from the farm site - and show no adverse effects. Sampling 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