

SITUATION UPDATE – COOKE AQUACULTURE

Monday, Aug. 28

Cooke crews and salvage contractors continued their work on the Cypress Island Farm Site #2 on Monday. The bulk of the work included staging the site to make it safe for further net pursuing operations starting Tuesday. 2,500 fish were removed Monday during the operations. The total fish removed from the farm site structure to date is 121,766.

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

Cooke and the salvage contractor will begin work Tuesday to remove remaining fish and begin deconstruction of the farm structure.

In order to secure the safety of the crew working on site, as well as fishers, recreational boaters and divers, the US Coast Guard has implemented a Temporary Safety Zone in all waters of Deepwater Bay, from surface to bottom, within 100 yards of the collapsed farm site. The Temporary Safety Zone encompasses the damaged farm site, as it moves, as well as associated equipment and work vessels. This Temporary Safety Zone is effective immediately, will continue through 8am on Sept. 4th, and will be enforced by the USCG.