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Statement on Failed Cypress Farm #2

- A salmon farm that has been in operation near Cypress Island for approximately 30 years experienced major structural damage on Sunday, August 20 that led to loss of fish.
- We are deeply sorry about this event and the loss of Atlantic salmon from the Cypress farm. Over the past two weeks, we have been focused on properly and safely removing the fish and equipment from the farm and working with tribal partners, experts and agencies to meet our obligations.
- Cooke Aquaculture Pacific maintains a detailed fish escape and recapture plan as part of its operations, and implemented that plan in response to this loss of fish. The current total count of fish recovered from the damaged farm site is 145,101, with recovered fish still being counted. The farm was stocked with 305,000 Atlantic salmon.
- Cooke Aquaculture Pacific has been working and will continue to work with the relevant authorities to make sure we employ the best knowledge, technology and expertise available - including that of our global experts and other industry-leading resources - on our Washington farms to make sure the infrastructure is adequately suited to the local environment and safe containment of the fish.
- Cooke has consistently invested in its operations following acquisitions in Maine, Scotland, Spain and Chile with the development and installation of modern farming technology. As an industry leader, Cooke's safe and secure practices have brought tremendous economic and community benefits to the regions where we operate. We commit to making the same investments in our Washington operations and people.
- The company's daily updates can be downloaded from a Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) website dedicated to this incident:
<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/atlanticsalmon>