

SITUATION UPDATE – COOKE AQUACULTURE

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Sunday, Aug. 27

Cooke Aquaculture has now removed a total of 119,266 Atlantic salmon from the damaged cage structure at the Cypress Island farm site #2.

Crews began Sunday at first light and retrieved a total of 52,000 fish from four separate pens. On Saturday, 62,100 fish were removed from the site while 5,166 had been retrieved earlier in the week.

Observations from crews working on site, including divers, indicate there are still fish contained within the nets and the removal of those fish will continue through Monday. On Sunday afternoon, a crane barge was being positioned to begin pursing the nets, bringing them toward the surface to facilitate removal of the remaining fish from the pens.

Crews also further secured the farm on Sunday.

The company is asking boaters to exercise extreme caution and to travel at slow speeds through the area to help protect the safety of divers in the water and crews working on or around the damaged cage structure.