

Forage Fish Beach Spawning Surveys

Often unnoticed but essential to the food web, forage fish like surf smelt and Pacific sand lance are the vital link between the ocean's primary productivity and the iconic wildlife of the BC coast. In 2025, our community scientists continued to identify and monitor critical spawning beaches across the Capital Region.

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SITES SAMPLED

ACROSS **11**
MUNICIPALITIES**100 %**
PUBLIC DATA SHARING

via the **Pacific Salmon Foundation Marine Data Centre**, ensuring our community action directly informs regional research, policy, and advocacy for BC ecosystems.

5 NEW SPAWNING
BEACHES IDENTIFIED