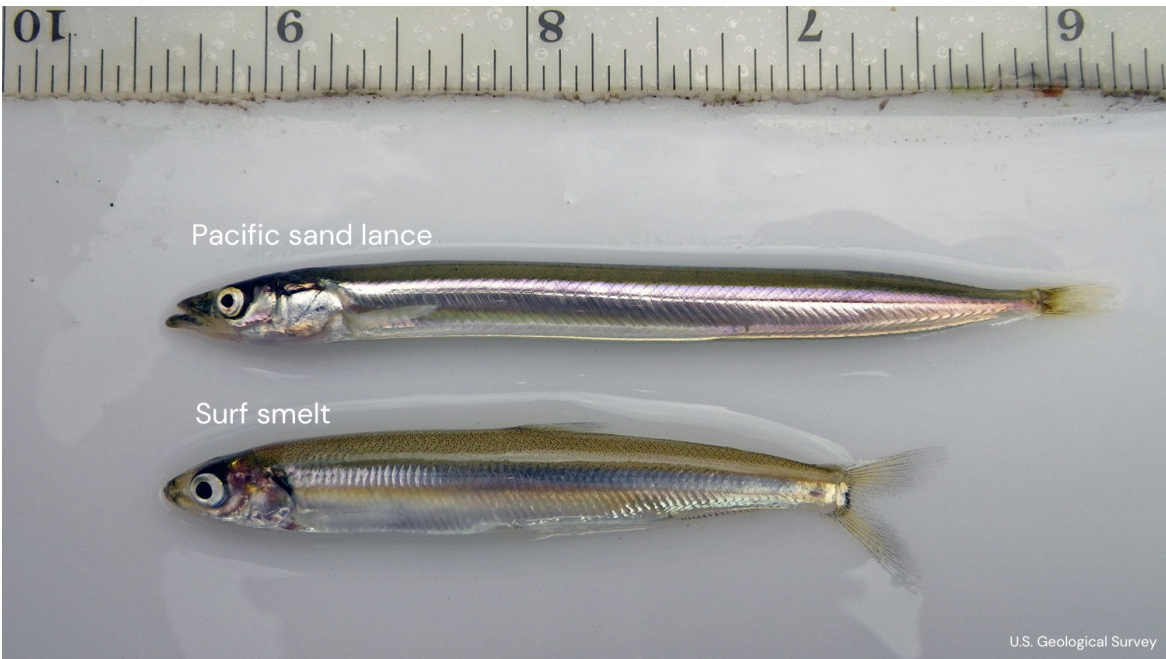




Hey firstname,

Welcome back to **The Schooler**—your bimonthly PSS newsletter for all things forage fish. Spring is here, which means our peak spawning season is coming to a close. Let's dive in to the issue to see what our community scientists have been up to!



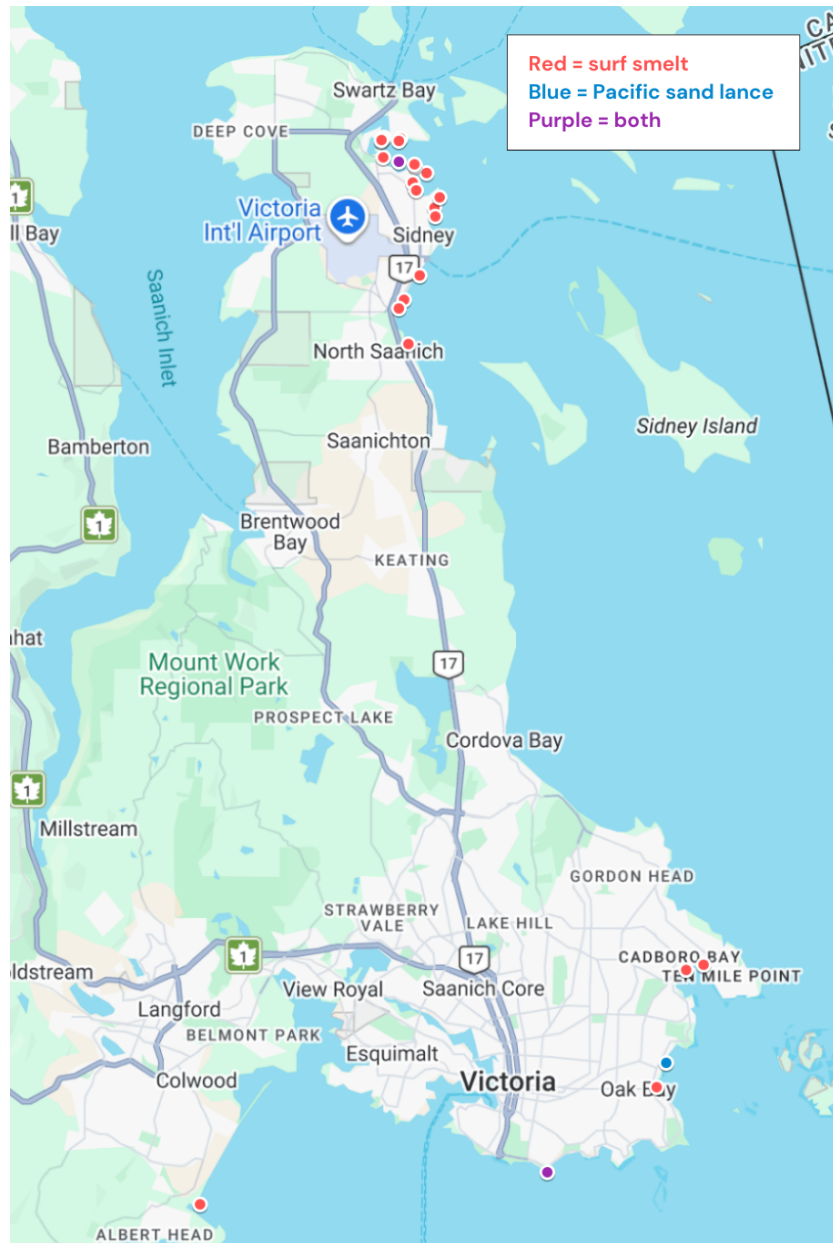
Surveys completed since the last edition in February 2026:

Location	Date	Surf smelt	Pacific sand lance
Cordova Bay Beach: Site 3	Feb 5, 2026	0	0
Ker Island South: Site 1	Feb 15, 2026	0	0

Cadboro Bay Beach: Site 5	Feb 20, 2026	0	0
Billings Spit: Site 3	Feb 23, 2026	0	0
Albert Head Lagoon Beach: Site 4	Feb 24, 2026	0	0
Esquimalt Lagoon Beach: Site 6	Feb 26, 2026	0	0
Breakwater Beach: Site 1	Feb 27, 2026	327	0
Rothesay Beach: Site 1	Feb 28, 2026	4	0
Victoria Golf Course Beach: Site 1	Feb 28, 2026	0	0
Victoria Golf Course Beach: Site 2	Feb 28, 2026	0	0
Victoria Golf Course Beach: Site 3	Feb 28, 2026	0	0
Victoria Golf Course Beach: Site 4	Feb 28, 2026	0	0
Cadboro Bay Beach: Site 1	Mar 2, 2026	1	0
Roberts Bay Beach: Site 2	Mar 3, 2026	148	0
Big Rock Beach: Site 1	Mar 3, 2026	37	0
Cadboro Bay Beach: Site 1	Mar 3, 2026	206	0
Goddard Beach: Site 1	Mar 4, 2026	430	0
Tryon Beach: Site 1	Mar 6, 2026	1,490	0
Finnerty Cove Beach: Site 2	Mar 8, 2026	0	0
Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club Beach: Site 2	Mar 8, 2026	1,031	0
Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club Beach: Site 5	Mar 8, 2026	492	0
Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club Beach: Site 4	Mar 8, 2026	215	0
Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club Beach: Site 3	Mar 8, 2026	28	0
Songhees Point: Site 1	Mar 8, 2026	0	0
Tulista Park Beach: Site 4	Mar 9, 2026	26	0
Curtis Point: Site 1	Mar 10, 2026	0	0
Resthaven Island Beach: Site 1	Mar 11, 2026	30	17
Seaspan Beach: Site 1	Mar 13, 2026	0	0
Clover Point Park: Site 1	Mar 13, 2026	1	1
Lillian Hoffar Park Beach: Site 2	Mar 14, 2026	72	0
Roberts Bay Beach: Site 4	Mar 15, 2026	34	0
Holland Point Park: Site 2	Mar 15, 2026	0	0
Amherst Beach: Site 5	Mar 22, 2026	49	0

Cadboro Bay Beach: Site 2	Mar 22, 2026	12	0
Songhees Point: Site 1	Mar 22, 2026	0	0
Curtis Point: Site 1	Mar 23, 2026	0	0
Goddard Beach: Site 1	Mar 24, 2026	178	0
Albert Head Lagoon Beach: Site 2	Mar 24, 2026	0	0
Tulista Park Beach: Site 5	Mar 25, 2026	2	0
Esquimalt Lagoon Beach: Site 1	Mar 26, 2026	0	0
Breakwater Beach: Site 2	Mar 27, 2026	208	0
Finnerty Cove Beach: Site 1	Mar 27, 2026	0	0
Sand Pebble Beach: Site 1	Mar 29, 2026	0	0
Willows Beach: Site 1	Mar 29, 2026	0	2
Willows Beach: Site 2	Mar 29, 2026	0	0
Seaspan Beach: Site 2	Mar 30, 2026	0	0
Songhees Point: Site 1	Apr 2, 2026	0	0
Tryon Beach: Site 3	Apr 4, 2026	363	0
Resthaven Island Beach: Site 1	Apr 7, 2026	8	0
Roberts Bay Beach: Site 5	Apr 10, 2026	0	0
Tulista Park Beach: Site 1	Apr 11, 2026	16	0
Goddard Beach: Site 1	Apr 12, 2026	38	0
Breakwater Beach: Site 1	Apr 13, 2026	28	0
Haynes Park Beach: Site 1	Apr 13, 2026	3	0
Roberts Bay Beach: Site 1	Apr 14, 2026	213	0
Albert Head Lagoon Beach: Site 2	Apr 16, 2026	2	0
Admirals Bridge Beach: Site 2	Apr 17, 2026	0	0
Cormorant Point Beach (Balmacarra Park): Site 2	Apr 18, 2026	0	0
Tulista Park Beach: Site 4	Apr 20, 2026	0	0
Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club Beach: Site 2	Apr 21, 2026	470	0
Sidney North Saanich Yacht Club Beach: Site 3	Apr 21, 2026	712	0
Galloping Goose Beach: Site 1	Apr 22, 2026	0	0
Galloping Goose Beach: Site 2	Apr 22, 2026	0	0
Amherst Beach: Site 2	Apr 23, 2026	4	0
Cy-Hampton Beach: Site 1	Apr 24, 2026	2	0

Cy Hampson Beach: Site 1	Apr 24, 2026	2	0
Arthur Drive Beach: Site 2	Apr 24, 2026	0	0



That's a total of 66 surveys, 35 positive for eggs. 340 volunteer hours went into these results—a huge heartfelt thank you to each and every community scientist who contributed their time, hard work, and expertise!

Highlights:

- 10 surveys conducted during Surf Smelt Week (Mar. 22nd-28th)!

Don't see one of your submitted surveys? If it was towards the end of the month, it likely didn't make the cutoff for the issue and will be included in the next. If not, please email chloe.kraemer@peninsulastreams.ca.



The Beach Bulletin is a living space for program updates and announcements, volunteer features, and any other tidbits.

This issue's beach bites:

UVic Marine Ecology Lab: On Mar. 8th, we brought third year biology students from UVic out to Nymph Point Park for a sampling lab. Here, they collected samples from four sites across the beach, with the goal of linking spawning levels to the gradient of habitat quality along the beach. As expected, egg abundance decreased moving from the high quality end to the low quality end!

Forage Fish Spawning Signs: In partnership with the District of North Saanich and the Town of Sidney, we installed signs at our top spawning beaches in North Saanich and Sidney notifying the public of the important spawning habitat on the beach. Check out our signs the next time you're out at Tryon Beach, Nymph Point Park, Lillian Hoffar Park, Roberts Bay, Goddard Beach, Amherst Beach, and Tulista Park!

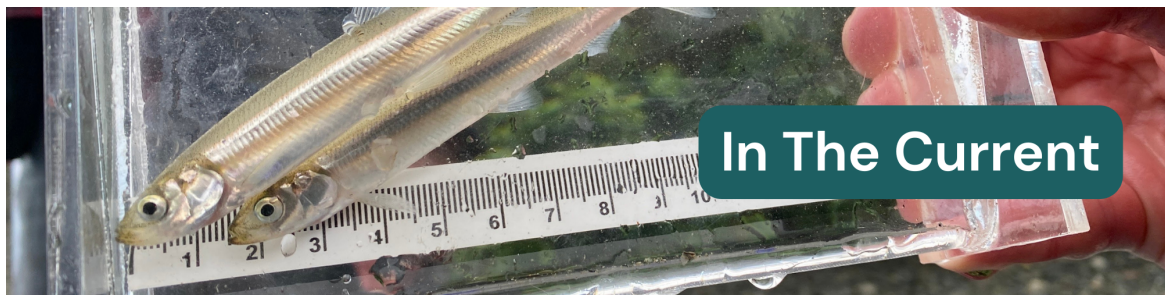


Nymph Point Park Restoration: Our Nymph Point Park restoration is complete! In partnership with the District of North Saanich, Tsawout First Nation, W̱SÁNEĆ Leadership Council, Stantec, Alterra Excavating, Hatchet & Seed, LGL, and many others, this collaborative effort enhanced one of Tsehum Harbour's most important coastal habitats.

Completed works included removal of a long-standing creosote log ramp, marine debris cleanup, ecocultural backshore stabilization, installation of a new cedar staircase for safer beach access, pathway realignment to reduce erosion, extensive invasive species removal, and backshore planting. In total, approximately 2,250 m² of native planting area was restored and 2,000 m² of invasive species management was completed.

The project stands as a strong example of how Indigenous knowledge, community stewardship, and nature-based restoration can come together to build coastal resilience for the future.

Across the Border: On Apr. 27th, we presented at the Island County Marine Resources Committee's Forage Fish Community Workshop, a gathering designed to expand and strengthen community science for forage fish research and monitoring across the Salish Sea. The event brought together scientists, educators, community members, resource managers, and policy partners to explore how public participation can advance forage fish science while informing shoreline management, conservation priorities, and place-based education. We were proud to share Peninsula Streams' BEACH Program experience and connect with Washington partners working to protect these vital coastal species and habitats.



Wanting to dive deeper? Wade into this issue's current events and news below:

 **Resilient Coasts for Salmon Atlas**

After five years of data collection, analysis, and report preparation, Pacific Salmon Foundation has officially launched the [Resilient Coasts for Salmon Atlas](#)! This new public webpage is a one stop shop to explore shoreline mapping data through an interactive map, view community reports and digitization protocols, download data, and learn more about coastal resilience across eastern Vancouver Island. Through this project, high resolution shoreline imagery has been used to document coastal modification, log accumulation, and

overwater structures in communities throughout the region. These tools will help inform coastal adaptation planning that benefits both people and the ecosystems we depend on.

We are excited to see these data support smarter shoreline management, habitat restoration, and stronger coastal communities! If you'd like a tutorial of how to use the Atlas, please see Pacific Salmon Foundation's webinar [here](#).

Thanks so much for tuning in! Catch you in the next issue in June.

Sincerely,

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