



First Nations Visitation
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1. What is the BCMT Code of Conduct FN Directive?
 - a. You are on sensitive FN traditional land. Treat this land with respect. Disturb nothing, take nothing.
 - b. You are on FN Lands. Trample on cultural features and disregard requests from the Nation about proper visitation.
 - c. You are on FN lands. Travel where you want when you want without permission.
 - d. Irregardless of a FN inherent right to govern their traditional lands it is crown land and I go where I please

2. Which of the following are part of article 32 of UNDRIP
 - a. Indigenous peoples have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for the development or use of their lands or territories and other resources.
 - b. States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the indigenous peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free and informed consent prior to the approval of any project affecting their lands or territories and other resources, particularly in connection with the development, utilization or exploitation of mineral, water or other resources.
 - c. Indigenous peoples have inherent rights and title to their lands and waters.
 - d. States shall provide effective mechanisms for just and fair redress for any such activities, and appropriate measures shall be taken to mitigate adverse environmental, economic, social, cultural or spiritual impact.

3. Why is article 32 important to the BC Marine Trails and all recreationists on the BC Coast?
 - a. Adhering to Article 32 of UNDRIP requires us to uphold the decisions made by any Nation about how they want to develop recreational activities in their territory. If a Nation does not want recreational activities at a certain sites we must respect that choice.
 - b. It acknowledges paddlers the right to camp on crown land where ever they want on the coast
 - c. It outlines that Indigenous peoples have a deep connection to their lands and waters
 - d. It isn't really important.

4. Which of the following are **not** tangible cultural features that paddlers should be aware of?

- a. Burial grounds
 - b. Clam Gardens
 - c. Middens
 - d. Fish Weirs
 - e. Indian Reserves
 - f. Spiritually significant sites
5. What act legally protects tangible cultural sites
- a. Archeological Site Conservation Act
 - b. Heritage Conservation Act
 - c. Conservation of Indigenous Features Act
 - d. Cultural Preservation Act
6. Which of the following statements is **not true** about the tangible cultural feature: Middens?
- a. Shell middens are layered deposits of discarded shells, fish, animal bones, and cultural objects such as tools, jewelry, art and, in some cases, human burials.
 - b. Middens depict a clear connection to place for First Nation peoples, and showcases how the land is used across time.
 - c. Middens are natural depositions of shell fragments collected by marine mammals that live near the shore
 - d. The destruction or alteration of middens is punishable under the Heritage Conservation Act.
7. Which of the following statements is **not true** about appropriate behaviour when recreating close to a midden?
- a. Keeping your fire below the high tide line eliminates the possibility of an impact on a midden.
 - b. Digging cat holes to dispose of human waste can disturb cultural and heritage sites and is environmentally damaging. Dispose of waste below the high tide line or in toilets provided.
 - c. Leaving behind your trash in the upland can negatively affect the archaeological record.
 - d. Removing things anything from a midden is alright. It has been there for thousands of years and no one claimed it.
8. Which of the following statements is not true about the tangible cultural feature: Clam Gardens
- a. Clam gardens are “intertidal features constructed by coastal First Nations to enhance shellfish productivity and to feed the people.
 - b. Clam gardens increase clam productivity through active management
 - c. Clam Gardens are constructed by moving large rocks to form a wall at the lowest tide line. These walls create a large terrace of optimal clam habitat
 - d. Clam gardens are natural features that are a result of boulders rolling down steep beach and coming to a rest in the lowest intertidal zone

9. Which of the following statements is **not true** about appropriate behaviour when recreating close to a clam garden?
- Do not move boulders from clam garden walls to create fire rings. This is punishable under the Heritage Conservation Act.
 - “Be careful when you take your kayak out of the water. Dragging kayaks disrupts sensitive areas and harms First Nations cultural and heritage sites.”
 - Dispose of biodegradable materials in clam garden boundaries. The nutrients will help clams grow and increase productivity
 - If using the tidal flush method of waste disposal, ensure you are 100m away from any clam garden.
10. Intangible cultural features can be difficult to identify. Which of the following resources are suitable to help understand where recreation is not appropriate?
- BC Marine Trails Map - Sites displayed have been reviewed with FN for the approval of use
 - BC Marine Trails FN Info Box - Specific visitation messages are available from FNs about how to respectfully visit their territory
 - BC Marine Trails Map Closure Icons - FN have the right to manage their lands. Some sites that were previously frequented may no longer be appropriate for use. Look for closure icons in areas you are planning to visit.

Answers

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Question 2

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Question 3

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Question 4

- Indian Reserves
- Spiritually significant sites

Question 5

- a. Heritage Conservation Act

Question 6

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