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Banner year for Site Condition Reports on BC's coast

British Columbia Coast — BC Marine Trails (BCMT) is celebrating a banner year for coastal stewardship, with paddlers and boaters submitting 429 Site Condition Reports (SCRs) by mid-October, marking a 21% increase over 2024 and a 44% jump since 2023. These user-submitted reports are the backbone of BCMT's stewardship program, helping to track conditions, safety, and needs across more than 1,500 coastal recreation sites. Reports are shared with First Nations, government, and land managers to support on-the-ground stewardship and planning.

Reports covered 337 unique sites, representing 21% of all public BCMT sites. Regional submissions included:

- Vancouver Island: 195
- Discoveries & Mid-Coast: 80
- Central Coast: 63
- South Coast Mainland: 51
- North Coast: 36
- Haida Gwaii: 3

Stewardship in action was a defining feature of this year's reports. Nearly one-third (32.4%) of submissions noted direct caretaking action.

- Packing out marine debris (62 reports)
- Collecting debris for later pickup (50 reports)
- Brushing tent sites (33 reports)
- Trail clipping (26 reports)
- Outhouse or sanitary maintenance (27 reports)
- Fire pit removal (22 reports)

SCRs also generated 1,366 new photos, adding valuable visual records to BCMT's site database. Twenty-one reports identified danger trees, five of which have already been cleared or addressed.

Quotes

"Every report helps us better understand the ever-evolving conditions on the BC coast. This growth shows a clear commitment from our community to protect and care for the coast they love."

- Sam Cutcliffe, BC Marine Trails, Stewardship & Communications Coordinator