

# Documented Sand Lance & Surf Smelt Spawning Beds on Manchester Beach

*(A Critical Prey Base for Duncan Creek Migrating Coho Salmon and Cutthroat Trout)*

surf smelt are schooling fish that spawn on these beaches between September and March. Smelt eggs can *only* survive in the upper beach with habitat conditions like those at Manchester Beach. You may find eggs stuck to small gravel or sand. Cars on the beach during spawning season may harm the eggs, leaving the many fish and marine birds that depend on smelt without food. Fish, shellfish and marine birds depend on healthy beach habitat.



Look closely and you'll see smelt eggs on the rocks.

