



Powell River Parks and Wilderness Society

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*“Establish and protect world-class parks,
wilderness areas and linking corridors”*

Year End 2017



- 🐾 Prepared Marathon Shuffle Route on the Sunshine Coast Trail (SCT), then hosted 24th Annual Shuffle & Half Shuffle last Sunday of April.
- 🐾 Finished building the new winterized Confederation Hut, adding kitchen cabinets, overflow sleeping quarters in crawlspace and outhouse. Dismantled derelict log cabin, turning it into a tent platform.
- 🐾 By July PAWS had cleared Canada's Longest Hut-to-Hut Hiking Trail from end to end. Received support from BC Parks, Recreation Sites & Trails BC, Tla'amin Nation, and the BOMB Squad.
- 🐾 Relocated Suicide Pass outhouse and built a new camp site near at KM 127 trail dogleg to accommodate Western FP road location. Also built picnic table and leveled tent sites.
- 🐾 Twinned a new Tin Hat composting toilet, doubling capacity. Platforms in crawlspace. Improved summit trail.
- 🐾 Continued Outreach at schools and with various organizations. Attracting more youthful members.
- 🐾 Other Outreach – table with collateral at Banff Mountain Film Festival, Jan 6th & 7th.
- 🐾 Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival table & presentation, Feb 12th.
- 🐾 Installed more reflective metal markers in sparsely marked sections of SCT.
- 🐾 Rerouted SCT between Old Growth areas near March Lake KM 104-106, accommodating WFP
- 🐾 Ongoing participation in Hiking Tourism Master Plan and Hiking Tourism Task Force with Tourism Vancouver Island, ICET, Sunshine Coast Tourism, local governments.
- 🐾 Published PAWS Spring Newsletter hardcopy and online.
- 🐾 Helped update new Powell River Recreation Map and SCT brochure.
- 🐾 Built and repaired several bridges and boardwalks.
- 🐾 Partnering with Tla'amin 2020 Tribal Journey Canoe group to organize 2018 Half Shuffle, while PAWS is “Going back to the Roots” for the Full Shuffle. Registration for both Half and Full Shuffles will open on March 1, 2018.
- 🐾 Began Sunday light work parties & hikes, providing for people working during the week opportunities to participate on weekends.
- 🐾 Continued lobbying to protect the Sunshine Coast Trail's world-class brand, Canada's longest and free Hut-to-Hut Hiking Trail, to ensure a unique experience in nature for locals and visitors alike.
- 🐾 Logbook Survey – Data indicates that last 3 years 20% - 25% annual growth.
- 🐾 Data Collection – installed laser counter and game camera on SCT; water taxi and boat and land transportation all experienced very busy years. Visitor Infocentre statistics show the SCT continues to be Powell River's #1 tourism amenity, helping to grow and diversify our economy through hiking tourism, attracting hikers from around the world and our community.
- 🐾 THANK YOU for your support! 2018 plans include building northern SCT structures.

*Donations welcome. 2018 Memberships due: individual \$20, and family \$30. Paypal, or cheques to PR PAWS at the above address.

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