



## Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

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**Meeting date:**

2/18/2022

**Agenda item:**

European Green Crab – Briefing

**Presenter(s):**

Allen Pleus Aquatic Invasive Species Unit Manager

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**Background summary:**

WDFW, in coordination with tribal co-managers, WA Sea Grant, shellfish growers and other partners, have found a significant increase in European green crab (EGC) populations within the Lummi Nation’s Sea Pond and outer coast areas including Makah Bay, Grays Harbor and Willapa Bay. In response, Governor Inslee issued Emergency Proclamation 22-02 on January 19th that directs the Department to “begin implementation of emergency measures as necessary to effect the eradication of or to prevent the permanent establishment and expansion of European green crab.”

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**Staff recommendation:**

Briefing Only

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**Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:**

N/A

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**Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:**

2021-23 Biennium European green crab budget of ~\$2.3 million with request of an additional ~\$8.6 million in the 2022 Supplemental Legislature.

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**Public involvement process used and what you learned:**

Extensive collaborative management actions with and outreach to tribal co-managers, local, state and federal agencies, shellfish growers, stakeholders and public through presentations, stakeholder meetings, press releases, and response to media inquiries.

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**Action requested and/or proposed next steps:**

N/A

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**Draft motion language:**

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**Post decision communications plan:**

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