Report Purpose: Meet requirements of RCW 77.135.090(4) that requires the Director of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to continually evaluate the effects of the emergency measures and report these to the Governor at intervals of not less than ten days. The Director must immediately advise the Governor if the Director finds that the emergency no longer exists or if certain emergency measures should be discontinued. Gov. Jay Inslee issued Emergency Proclamation 22-02: Green Crab Infestation on Jan. 19, 2022 to address the exponential increase in European green crab (EGC) populations within the Lummi Nation’s Sea Pond and outer coast areas.

Feb. 22, 2022 Summary: WDFW continued internal policy coordination and implementation of $600k in authorized EGC emergency measures spending, including the process of purchasing $300k worth of traps, boats, and other equipment with priority to support at Lummi Sea Pond, the contracting process for $300k passthrough to Lummi Nation, and hiring for six technicians to be stationed in Bellingham. WDFW staff fielded numerous inquiries from tribes and stakeholders on emergency measures implementation and held Salish Sea and coastal stakeholder briefings on Feb. 15 and 17. WDFW also met with the U.S. Geological Survey Western Fisheries Research Center on strategic planning for EGC needs.

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Accomplishments Feb. 11 to Feb. 22, 2022

- Weekly WDFW internal policy coordination meetings
- WDFW Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Unit in process of:
  - Purchasing $300,000 worth of boats and other EGC operational equipment/supplies with priority to support Lummi Nation in early management of Sea Pond infestation, including initial order for 100 shrimp traps and 600 minnow/Fukui traps.
  - Continuing contracting process for $300,000 passthrough to Lummi Nation.
  - AIS Unit continuing hiring process for six technicians that will be stationed in Bellingham to support Lummi Nation.
  - Responding to numerous inquiries from tribes and stakeholders on emergency measures implementation plans.
- WDFW Legislative Affairs and coastal region leadership continued discussions with shellfish growers and coastal community leaders regarding emergency funding to support EGC management and local coordination in Willapa Bay and other coastal areas.
- WDFW Public Affairs staff supported media requests including coverage from local station KUOW. Followed up with Chinook Observer editor regarding ongoing coastal EGC media coverage and funding requests.
- Feb. 11: Met with U.S. Geological Survey Western Fisheries Research Center on strategic planning for EGC needs.
- Feb. 15: EGC Stakeholder/Partner Meeting (Salish Sea focus)

Link to entire recorded meeting at https://youtu.be/thrv-MDiQf0.

Direct links to presenters and panel discussion in this webinar:

- 58:16 - Green Crab 2022 Status – Emily Grason, WA Sea Grant and Sean McDonald, UW: https://youtu.be/thrv-MDiQf0?t=3495
- 2:24:06 - EGC Management Actions/Funding Requests – Allen Pleus, WDFW: https://youtu.be/thrv-MDiQf0?t=8646
- 3:05:01 - EGC Expert Panel Discussion and Q&A: https://youtu.be/thrv-MDiQf0?t=11101
• Feb. 17: EGC Stakeholder/Partner Meeting (Outer Coast focus)
   Link to entire recorded meeting at https://youtu.be/fdVKg4ZaSc4.
   Direct links to presenters and panel discussion in this webinar:
   o 4:54 - EGC Structural Management Landscape – Ron Coleman, WDFW: https://youtu.be/fdVKg4ZaSc4?t=294
   o 46:15 - Green Crab 2022 Status – Emily Grason, WA Sea Grant and Sean McDonald, UW: https://youtu.be/fdVKg4ZaSc4?t=2774
   o 2:18:45 - EGC Management Actions/Funding Requests – Allen Pleus, WDFW: https://youtu.be/fdVKg4ZaSc4?t=8325
   o 2:57:55 - EGC Expert Panel Discussion and Q&A: https://youtu.be/fdVKg4ZaSc4?t=10675

• Feb. 19: Briefing to the Fish and Wildlife Commission on emergency measures status (starting at 28:30 minutes).

Pending Tasks

• Feb. 23: State agency meeting to discuss support for Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor private aquaculture businesses who are seeing a significant increase in EGC in their operations and concern over a decline in Manila clams.
• March 3: National Invasive Species Awareness Week - EGC presentations to congressional staff
• March 10: Washington Invasive Species Council – emergency measures status and consultation – agenda – zoom registration
• April 26-28: Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference – EGC session presentations.

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