

WDFW – European green crab

European Green Crab Emergency Measures Report to the Governor



Report Purpose: Meet requirements of RCW [77.135.090\(4\)](#) that requires the Director of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) 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.

March 18 to March 28, 2022 Report:

WDFW staff including the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) unit continued hiring, policy formation, planning, and implementation of European green crab (EGC) emergency management measures. Development of state, federal, local, and tribal co-manager strategies progressed, including towards a FEMA Incident Command System (ICS) model as well as preparation of a Coastal Management Grant Program Scope of Work to set the goals, scope, objectives, and deliverables for a Coastal EGC management grant administered by the Pacific and Grays Harbor County Conservation District. WDFW continued procurement of traps, boats, and other equipment and supplies to increase green crab control efforts at Lummi Sea Pond and in Washington’s coastal bays. Public Affairs staff developed signage, outreach plans and materials, and a consolidated [webform](#) with the Washington Invasive Species Council to support green crab identification, reporting, and public engagement.

Additional information and further details will be provided in the next European green crab management quarterly report or are available upon request.

Reports are posted at: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/invasive/carcinus-maenas>

