

# WDFW – European green crab

## European Green Crab Emergency Measures Report to the Governor



*Photo: WDFW Aquatic Invasive Species staff deploy to trap and control European green crabs on April 14, 2022.*

**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.

### **April 7 to April 15, 2022 Report:**

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Aquatic Invasive Species staff continued coordination with Lummi Nation Natural Resources to trap and remove European green crab (EGC) at the Lummi Sea Pond (LSP). WDFW AIS unit staff from other regions are also assisting. Hiring for additional biologists, scientific technicians, and other staff to support EGC control efforts in the Salish Sea and on the outer coast progressed, including three new hires who started this week and one who will start next week. Application review and interviews for eight more scientific technicians (three to work at LSP and five on the outer coast) will occur next week, with additional job postings in progress. These positions include biologists, scientific technicians, and a community outreach / public engagement specialist. WDFW Public Affairs staff fielded media inquiries from KING 5 News, Hakai Magazine, Stanwood-Camano Daily News, and other outlets, with coverage in progress. Bids were placed on a boat for deployment on the coast as well as additional shrimp pots, Fukui minnow traps, and other equipment. Supply chain shortages have presented challenges acquiring specific Personal Floatation Devices and orange bullet buoys (used to identify EGC traps).

**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>

