

# 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.

### April 15 to April 25, 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). While severe weather affected efforts, 654 EGC were removed from inside the LSP by Lummi Nation and WDFW crews during the week of April 18. “Prospecting” traps were also set in several areas of Lummi Bay outside the LSP, capturing only two EGC near the mouth of the Lummi River. Another boat was acquired for work at the LSP. WDFW is coordinating closely with partners including Washington Sea Grant, Northwest Straits Commission, and Makah Tribe regarding their trapping efforts. WDFW is continuing to finalize passthrough contracts with Lummi Nation, Makah Tribe, the Recreation and Conservation Office, and Washington Sea Grant. Delays in finalizing contracts are not slowing down response. WDFW trained one new hire to support EGC management, with six positions now in recruitment, including additional technicians and a biologist, natural resource scientist, and EGC Outreach [Specialist](#). Interviews are well underway for 8 more scientific technicians to support EGC trapping and control efforts at the LSP and on the Washington coast. WDFW received EGC trap tags to distinguish official green crab removal equipment from recreational crab traps or other gear. WDFW staff worked with the Chinook Observer and [KIRO 7](#) to publicize job openings as well as WWU’s The Planet Magazine.

**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>

