

# 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 28 to April 7, 2022 Report:

AIS staff supported Lummi Nation Natural Resources with the season's first week of coordinated field work to remove EGC at the Lummi Sea Pond (LSP). On the Washington Coast, deployment of field effort and preparation for the Coastal Management Grant Program is ongoing. With funding appropriated by the State Legislature, WDFW hired four new staff to support green crab response coordination, including at the LSP near Bellingham. These employees will begin work in two weeks. [Job announcements](#) for an additional three Scientific Technicians to conduct EGC trapping at LSP and another five to trap on the outer coast (Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor) are now posted and were shared with partners and local [media outlets](#). Shrimp pots, crab traps, and a second boat to support EGC trapping were acquired, with equipment deployed to both the coast and LSP.

**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>

