

June 30, 2025

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This frozen funding is critically important to successfully address this shared problem at regional scales and we respectfully request proceeding.

Sincerely,

Northwest Region Invasive European Green Crab Funding

Senior Advisor Scott Davis

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Thomas D. Wooten  
Tribal Chair  
Samish Indian Nation

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Chairman Timothy J. Greene Sr.  
Makah Tribal Council

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