



**NATURAL
RESOURCES**

HILARY S. FRANZ
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

**Operating Budget Request
FY 2025**

**DNR is requesting
\$856,900 in FY25**

Funding will support
5 scientific
technicians who will
monitor EGC
populations and
oversee trapping
efforts, including
equipment staff
need to complete
this critical work.



Managing European Green Crab on State Owned Aquatic Lands

European Green Crab (EGC) is an ecologically destructive invasive species that has quickly become an issue in many of Washington State's important marine areas, including DNR-managed aquatic lands in Puget Sound, Willapa Bay, and Grays Harbor.

DNR's Aquatic Resources Division is seeking funding to implement EGC management on state-owned aquatic lands and adjacent lands. **This funding will add permanent staff, equipment, and execute an annual work plan to protect our valuable aquatic lands** to meet the need identified in Governor Inslee's 2022 emergency proclamation to prevent the establishment and expansion of EGC.

European Green Crab Emergency Measures Supplement Funding: State Agency Gap

DNR has received emergency funding from the WDFW-led Multi-Agency EGC Coordinating process in FY24 to support the ongoing work plan that started in FY23. For FY25, more funding is needed for WDFW's EGC management partners and DNR has been asked to pursue EGC funds directly to support our ongoing work.

Successes and Ongoing Work

- DNR has removed approximately 10,000 EGC from WA waters and is integral to the state-wide EGC plan.
- DNR needs ongoing funding to continue to our trapping efforts.
- Our Decision Package seeks funds in FY25 and ongoing support in future biennia.

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