

# A State Perspective on the Value of an Aquatic Invasive Species Rapid Response Cache

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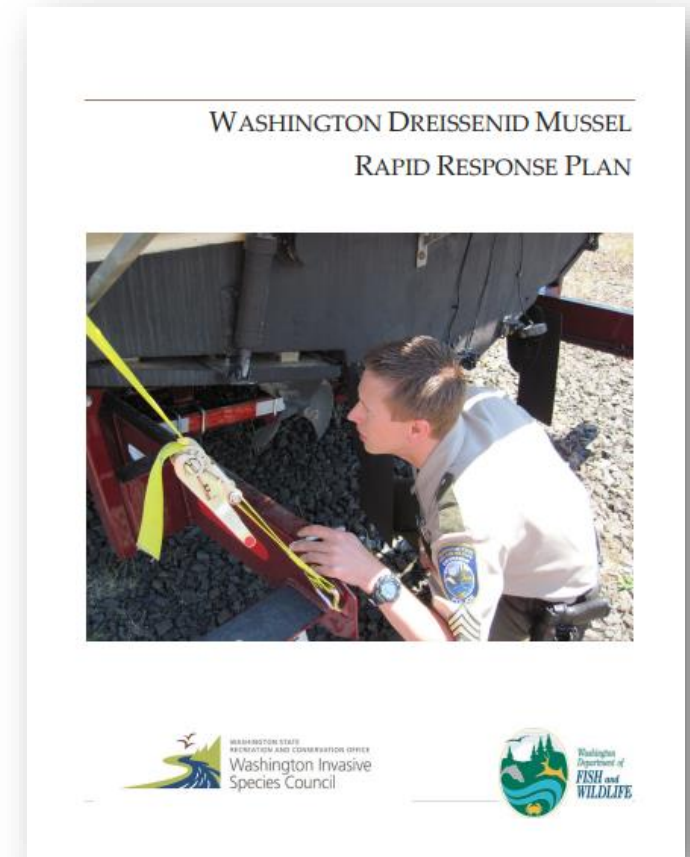


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# Rapid Response/Management Plans

- Aquatic Nuisance Species Plan (2001)
- Marine Debris Response (2012)
- Washington Dreissenid Mussel Rapid Response Plan (2014, 2017, 2024)\*
- Interagency Northern Pike Response Plan (2024)
- European Green Crab Management Plan (2004\*)

\*In Process



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# Exercising Response Plans

- 2019 Kettle Falls Marina Operations Exercise
- 2022 SCUBA Operations Workshop

# Performing Response

- 2022 Marimo Moss Ball Response
- 2022-Ongoing European Green Crab Response

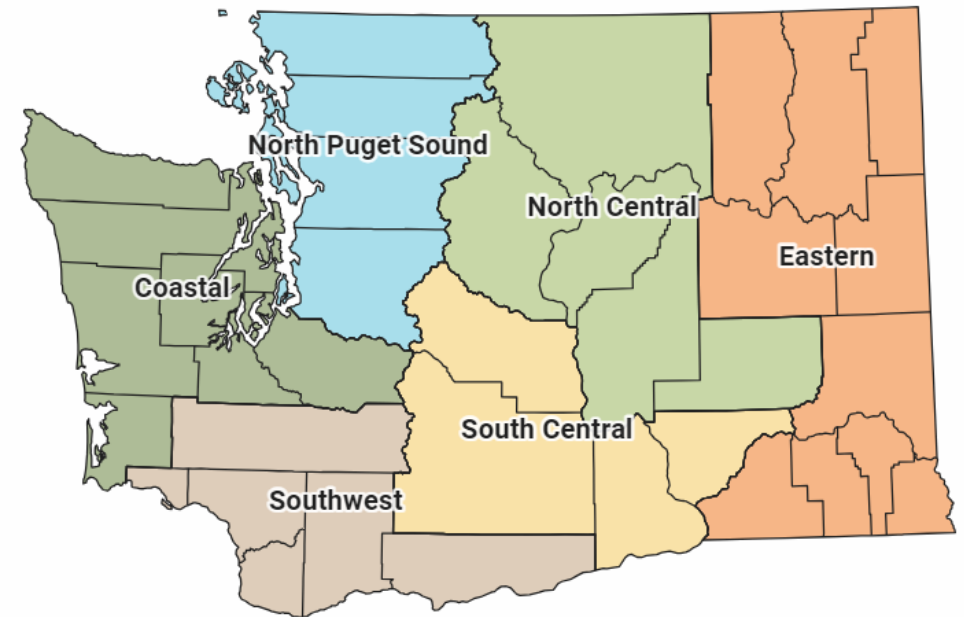


# Headquarters and Regional Offices

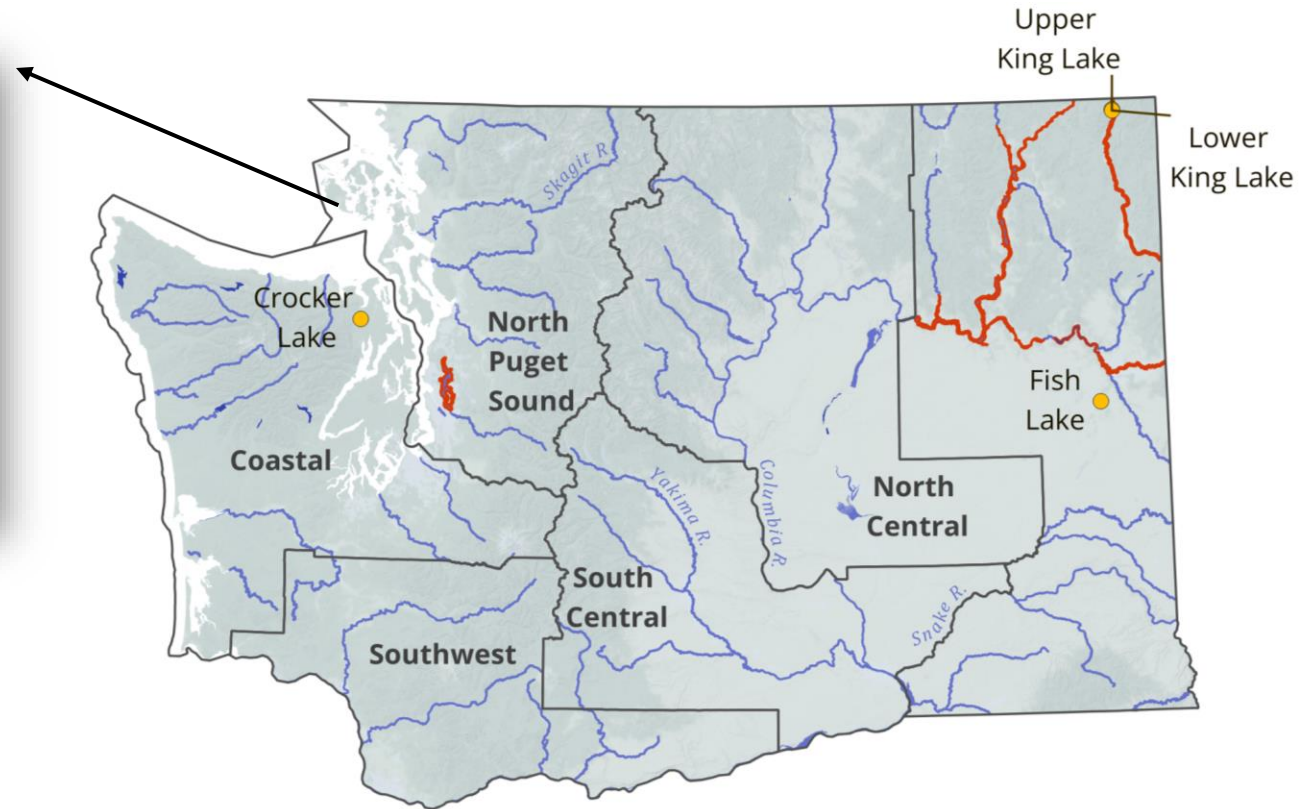
- Olympia
- Mill Creek
- Ephrata
- Ridgefield
- Spokane
- Montesano

## Equipment Storage

- Tumwater
- Spokane
- La Connor

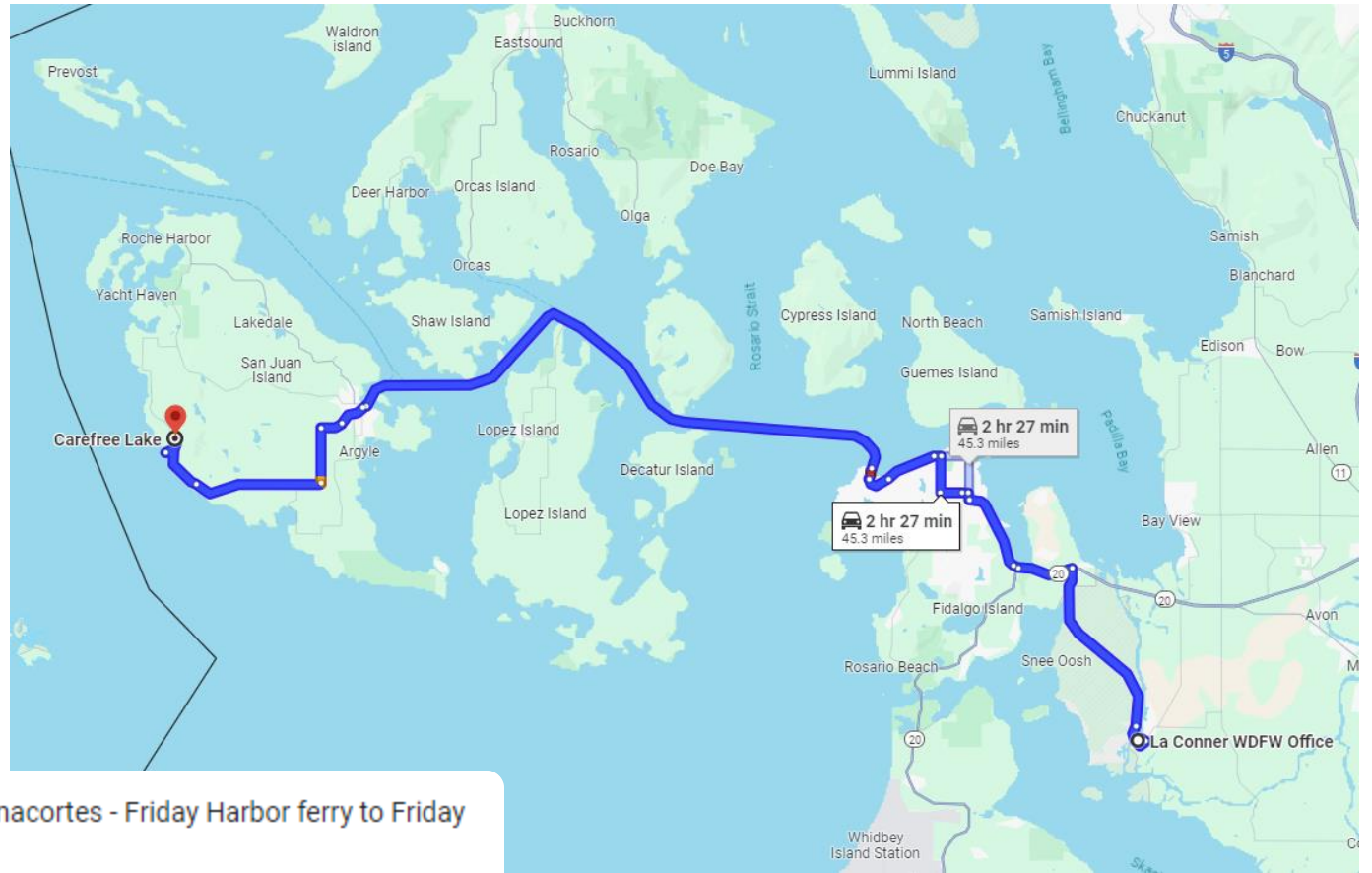
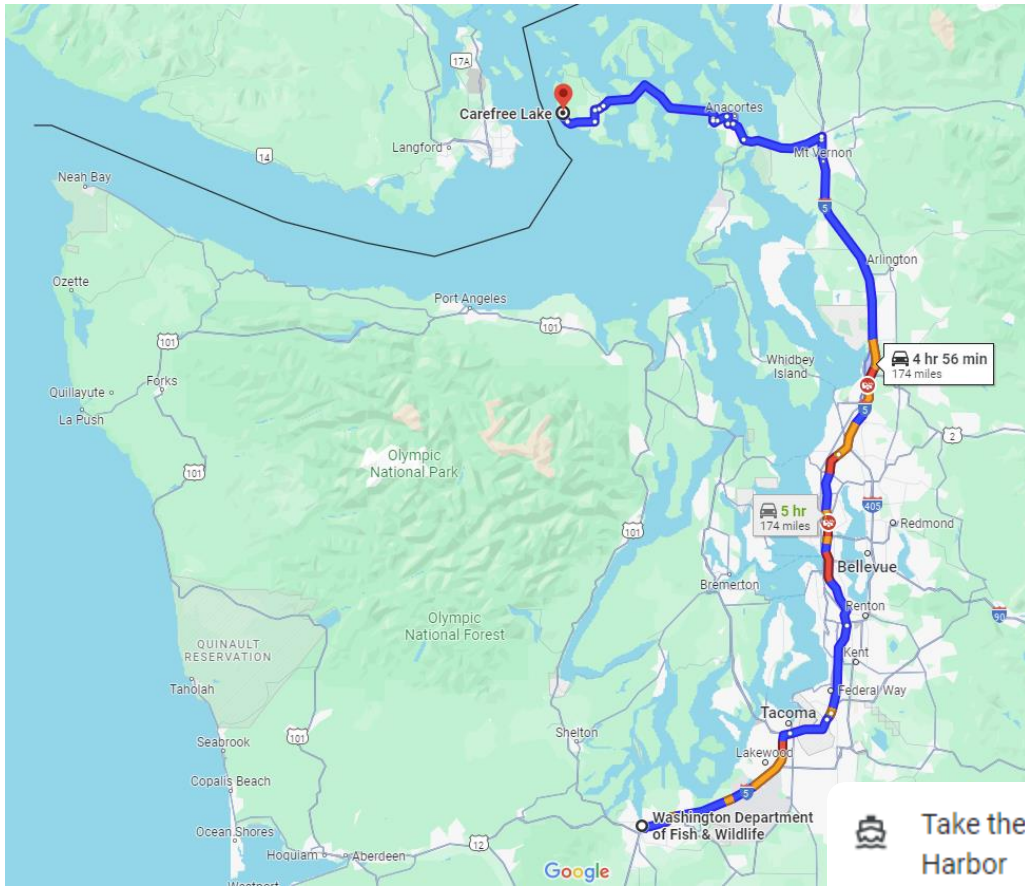




# San Juan Island Northern Pike



The distribution of established (red) and eradicated (orange) populations of Northern Pike in the State of Washington and the associated Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife management regions.

# San Juan Island Northern Pike



 Take the Anacortes - Friday Harbor ferry to Friday Harbor  
 Toll road  
 1 hr 33 min (18.8 mi) \_\_\_\_\_  
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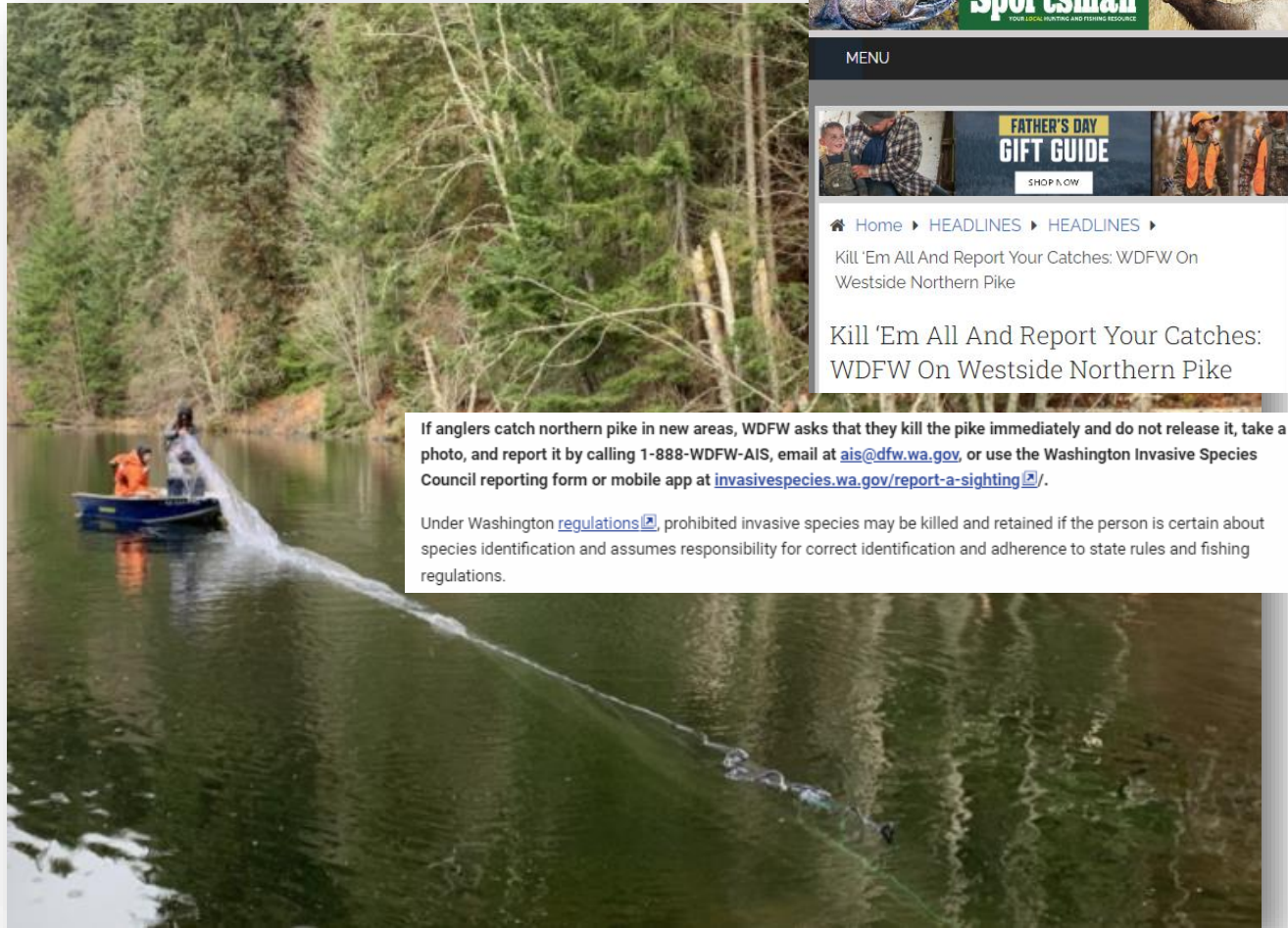
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## Carefree Lake

- Owner: San Juan Island County Land Bank
- 8 acre created lake
- Caught February 19, 2024
- Reported February 20, 2024
- Investigation and Scoping February 20-March 4, 2024
- Land Bank News Release March 2<sup>nd</sup>

# San Juan Island Northern Pike



If anglers catch northern pike in new areas, WDFW asks that they kill the pike immediately and do not release it, take a photo, and report it by calling 1-888-WDFW-AIS, email at [ais@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:ais@dfw.wa.gov), or use the Washington Invasive Species Council reporting form or mobile app at [invasivespecies.wa.gov/report-a-sighting/](https://invasivespecies.wa.gov/report-a-sighting/).

Under Washington [regulations](#), prohibited invasive species may be killed and retained if the person is certain about species identification and assumes responsibility for correct identification and adherence to state rules and fishing regulations.

- March 5-8, initial gill netting and eDNA sampling (17)
- 4 males and 2 females (6)
  - ranging from 20" male to 31.5" 8.5 lb. female
- April 9-10, gillnetting and eDNA sampling (67)
  - 11 removed (1 female)
- May 22-23, additional eDNA sampling (19)



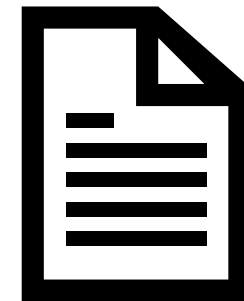
# Rapid Response Supplies and Equipment



State Representative Mary Dye,  
9<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

# Cross-Cutting Elements of All Rapid Response

1. Logistics and Mobilization
2. Safety Equipment and Protocols
3. Internal and External Communications
4. Delineation and Rapid Assessment
5. Identification of Management Actions
6. Execution of Management Actions
7. Decontamination and Demobilization
8. Transition to Long-Term Management



# Rapid Response is Cross-Cutting



# Thanks! Questions?



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