

Short Clip of Interview with Dr. Alyssa Gehman by Erin Cox and Shelby Deglan.

**Sea Stars:**

**Topic of Interview:** Sea Stars and Sea Star Wasting Syndrome (SSWS)

**[00:00:00]** AG: The one that was hit the most is one called *pycnopodia*. There—we have, you know, twenty different species, and this one species *pycnopodia* is just massive. The Individuals, you know, used to be— huge. You'd go up to it and it would be, you know, wider than your arm span. You might have trouble picking up one, um, because they were so large.

**[00:00:24]** AG: And they were plentiful. They used to be everywhere. And they—you used to be able to see them in the intertidal. There were certainly more in the subtidal, but you could go to a beach in Seattle or Vancouver at low tide and find a sea star. Um—and you don't—you can't, at this point, go to the intertidal and find a sea star.

**[00:00:48]** AG: Sea star species have suddenly disappeared, and that is not an experiment that anybody wanted to happen. But it is something we are studying actively right now.