



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)**  
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)  
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

**Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Subject of possible rule making:** WACs 232-12-071, Buying or selling game unlawful.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCWs 77.12.047.

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The current rule does not make it illegal to buy and sell unlawfully-taken wildlife. The proposed rule will prohibit the sale, purchase, and trade of fish, shellfish, and wildlife taken in violation of any law or regulation. It also will prohibit the sale, purchase, and trade of deer antlers and elk antlers (except those naturally shed), and all bear parts, unless authorized by a written permit issued by the director.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** The U.S. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. For this WAC, WDFW is prohibiting activities that these federal agencies prohibit.

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

**How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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Contact by February 1, 2009. Expected proposal filing on or after February 18, 2009.

**DATE**  
December 8, 2008

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