



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: Commercial shellfish pot gear.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 77.12.047 and 77.04.020

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Some individuals within the commercial crab industry have been employing biodegradable escape mechanism techniques that are not consistent with this rule's intent. As a result, crab escapes are impeded when crab pots become lost. This rule change will promote catch escapes when pots are lost.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: N/A

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 December 15, 2010. Expected proposal filing on or after December 22, 2010.

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