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: Changes to WDFW's recreational salmon Sportfishing rules, Columbia River commercial salmon fishing rules, coastal commercial salmon fishing rules, and Puget Sound commercial salmon fishing rules, resulting from North of Falcon recommendations.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 77.04.020, 77.12.045, and 77.12.047

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Rules based on North of Falcon recommendations change from year to year to reflect resource availability and achieve conservation goals.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: NOAA Fisheries and the National Marine Fisheries Service. These agencies, as well as WDFW, the Pacific Fisheries Management Council, and the Pacific Salmon Commission, all provide input and/or take part in the North of Falcon meetings and recommendations.

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 March 1, 2011. Expected proposal filing on or after April 20, 2011.

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