



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: Aquaculture Disease Control rules (chapter 220-77 WAC) and Oyster Diseases and Pests rules (chapter 220-72 WAC).

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 77.04.012, 77.12.047 and RCW 77.115.010.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The department is considering amending the rules related to shellfish aquaculture disease and pest control to provide additional protection against the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). Rule changes will embody the principles of prevention as the highest priority, integrated management of pathways, clean and drain principles, and rapid response capabilities.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: RCW 77.115.010 requires the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and the Washington Department of Agriculture (WSDA) jointly develop rules related to disease inspection control for aquatic farmers. WDFW will work with WSDA to develop these rule changes.

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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