



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: Amendments to cougar public safety rules and wildlife interaction rules involving Wildlife Control Operators.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.240, 77.12.320, 77.12.150, 77.15.245, and chapter 77.36.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The department is considering amending cougar public safety rules to address human-cougar incidents, cougar-livestock and cougar-pet depredations. The department is also considering amending rules regarding Wildlife Control Operators to adjust for organizational changes within the agency.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: WDFW will keep USDA Wildlife Services informed of this rulemaking. The department will coordinate with USDA Wildlife Services as needed.

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:

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Contact by July 9, 2014. Expected proposal filing on or after July 23, 2014.

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