



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

**Agency:** Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Subject of possible rule making:** The Department is considering rule making regarding cougar seasons and regulations.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.32.070, and 77.32.090.

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** Amendments are needed to provide recreational opportunity while maintaining sustainable game populations.

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

**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 24, 2015. Expected proposal filing on or after January 1, 2016.

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