



# 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:** Coastal sardine purse seine fishery.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.055, and 77.12.147

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is considering rule amendments relating to the commercial harvest of sardine with purse seine gear.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** The National Marine Fisheries Service regulates certain commercial fisheries in federal waters. Rule coordination is accomplished through the Pacific Fishery Management Council processes.

**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:**

Updates will be added to the agency's rule-making page at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/regulations/development.html>. The commission's agenda, which will reflect public meeting dates and locations, can be found at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/commission/minutes.html>.

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