



# 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:** The department is considering amendments to rules regarding charter stamps.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.055, and 77.15.047.

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The department needs a rule to expressly prohibit fishing guides and charter-boat operators from re-using charter stamps rather than issuing new stamps as contemplated by RCW 77.32.430. The proposed rule project will: (1) lay out the process for validating charter stamps so the stamps cannot be reused; and (2) ensure that charter-stamp-validation violations and the re-use of stamps are penalized appropriately. This rulemaking will involve the responsibilities of charter operators as well as how catch record cards are used and the recording of catch occurs.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:**  
None.

**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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