



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: Wildlife conflict rules, spring black bear regulations, auction and raffle permits, game reserves, and waterfowl closures.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Chapter 77.36 RCW and RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.32.530.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: To conserve and manage wildlife populations, provide recreational opportunity consistent with wildlife conservation needs, and address human/wildlife conflicts regarding property damage.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
Migratory birds are also regulated by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and coordination is managed through the Pacific Flyway. Wolves are also subject to USFWS regulation in the western two-thirds of Washington as part of the Endangered Species Act. State regulations are designed to fit within the parameters of the USFWS's regulation guidelines.

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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