



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: Updates, technical changes, and structural improvements to commercial fishing rules, reporting rules, and other WACs in conjunction with the WAC Overhaul project. The agency will clarify language where needed, in tandem with other amendments to WACs within this rule-making.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.055, 77.12.045, and 77.12.047.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Changes to these rules are needed because many of the rules are disorganized and contain conflicting, outdated, or unclear language. WDFW will consider consolidating and splitting up rules. The project will also repeal any outdated, unnecessary, or inapplicable rules.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: The USFWS also regulates fish and wildlife. State regulations may be more restrictive than federal regulations, but not less so. WDFW will coordinate the regulatory landscape of these rule changes, where and if applicable. As these changes are largely technical, it is unlikely that coordination will be necessary.

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 November 1, 2012. Expected proposal filing on or after November 7, 2012.

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