



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Subject of possible rule making: The department is conducting a periodic status review for gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) currently listed as endangered (WAC 220-610-010). If a change in listed status is warranted the department may need to amend (WAC 220-610-010) and (WAC 220-200-100).

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 77.04.012, 020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, and 77.12.047.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The department will review all relevant data pertaining to the population status and factors affecting existence in Washington for gray wolf. Based on the information collected and reviewed, the department will make recommendations to maintain the species current listing status as endangered or reclassify species to sensitive or threatened or other status.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: In addition to Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife other Federal or state agencies that regulate this species include the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The department will coordinate with appropriate entities during the review period.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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