

# Testing Commercial Fishing Gear

## Delegation of Rulemaking Authority to the Director

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# Background

- Current rule only requires commercial vessel owner/operated to notify WDFW Enforcement prior to testing
- In 2018 staff initiated a request to update this rule to require additional information
- Rule was approved by the Commission, but not fully implements through the Administrative Procedures Act



# Request of the Commission

- Given that this proposed rule has already been through the Commission review and approval department staff are seeking delegation to the Director to re-initiate and undertake rule-making to improve the information and notification required for testing of commercial fishing gear.
- Staff recommend delegating this rule making activity to the Director





# QUESTIONS?

In support of the recommendation of the Fish Committee, I move to delegate rule-making authority to the Director to amend WAC 220-353-080 in a manner that will improve communication with WDFW police regarding the testing of Commercial Fishing Gear.

