



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: WAC 220-16-040 – Drift gill net – Drift net; WAC 220-16-046 - Skiff gill net – Skiff net; WAC 220-16-110 – Snag net; WAC 220-16-120 – Trammel net; and other sections of chapter 220-16 WAC as needed. Also, new sections in chapter 220-16 WAC or other WAC chapters, to define slacker or stringer, unslackened net, non-Indian gill net, chafing strip panel, and other terms as necessary.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 77.12.047 and 77.12.325.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: New definitions are needed for terms such as “non-Indian gill net,” “chafing strip panel,” “slackers and stringers,” and “unslackened net,” to provide clarity to regulations and allow commercial fishers the use of a panel to protect their nets. Changes to definitions are needed for “drift net,” “trammel net,” “skiff net,” “snag net,” and other terms to clarify intent and provide consistency with the new definition of “non-Indian gill net.” These rules will conform more closely to Oregon’s rules and will facilitate enforcement.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife have developed reciprocal rules for fishers on the concurrent waters of the Columbia River. This rule proposal will conform Washington’s rules more closely to Oregon’s for fisheries on the Columbia River.

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 December 15, 2010. Expected proposal filing on or after December 22, 2010.

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