



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: This rule making will involve technical changes and structural improvements to WAC 232-28-619 in conjunction with the WAC Overhaul project. The department will clarify language where needed, and the rule itself will be split into smaller, more manageable sections as part of 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 WAC 232-28-619 are needed because the rule is long, unwieldy, not clearly written or structured, and lacking in sound organization. Further, this rule is amended frequently because it contains seasons and limits for freshwater fishing. Splitting the rule into multiple, smaller sections will make these changes more manageable. Also, the public will be able to locate and understand requirements more easily because the requirements will be better organized and clearly structured.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 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. Because these changes are largely structural and 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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