



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: Amend WAC 232-12-054, Archery requirements—Archery special use permits, to allow hunters with disabilities to use scopes on crossbows while hunting.

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

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The department received a petition from the public to amend WAC 232-12-054 to allow the hunters with disabilities to use of scopes on crossbows during archery seasons. Amending WAC 232-12-054 to allow hunters with disabilities to use a crossbow equipped with a scope will provide additional recreational opportunities for hunters with disabilities. This amendment will provide an accommodation for hunters with disabilities that do not allow them to draw back and shoot standard archery equipment and will increase access to archery hunting seasons for hunters with disabilities.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: Federal law requires that persons with disabilities are allowed access to agency programs.

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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