



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:

The Department is considering changes to waterfowl hunting seasons and rules and rules relating to game reserves.

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

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

Changes to rules are needed to align WDFW rules with federal guidelines for the management of wildlife populations while allowing for recreational harvest opportunities.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

Several wildlife species are subject to USFWS regulation in Washington as part of the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and other federal laws. Regular coordination occurs between WDFW and the USFWS, and state regulations are designed to fit within the parameters of the USFWS's regulation guidelines. In addition, the USDA's Wildlife Services branch works with many entities across the state to mitigate wildlife conflicts and damage. WDFW also regularly coordinates activities with USDA and has both an MOU and individual contracts with USDA for assistance with wildlife conflict issues.

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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