



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 amendments to rules regarding recreational fishing for bottomfish in Quilcene Bay and Dabob Bay.

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: In a response to a petition for rulemaking to open Hood Canal to recreational harvest of bottomfish, the Fish and Wildlife Commission directed to the department to initiate rulemaking to explore changes to recreational fishing rules for selected species of bottomfish in Quilcene Bay and Dabob Bay. Potential rule changes would provide recreational fishing opportunity on selected species of bottomfish consistent with conservation objectives.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
None.

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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