



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)**  
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)  
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**Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Subject of possible rule making:** The department is considering amendments to rules regarding charter stamps and other rules related to charter boat operators.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.055, and 77.15.047.

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The department needs a rule to prohibit fishing guides and charter-boat operators from re-using charter stamps rather than issuing a new stamp to each customer who needs a fishing license. The legislature passed a bill on the subject during the 2015 legislative session, and this rule project will compliment this legislation to ensure the charter stamp program is not abused. The proposed rule project will: (1) lay out the process for validating charter stamps so the stamps cannot be reused; and (2) ensure that charter-stamp-validation violations and the re-use of stamps are penalized appropriately. Rules related to the responsibilities of charter operators, catch record cards and recording of catch, and definitions will be considered. Amendments to existing permanent rules may be included to achieve the goals of this rulemaking project.

**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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Contact by November 25, 2015. Expected preproposal filing on or after December 1, 2015.

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