



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 rule changes for the following topics: Hunting regulations, seasons, permits and area descriptions for big game, small game, and migratory birds; big game and wild turkey auctions, raffle, and permits; importation and retention of dead nonresident wildlife; mandatory hunter reporting; landowner hunting permits; special closures and firearm restriction areas; and other related rule changes as needed.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.800, 77.32.070, 77.32.090, 77.32.370, and 77.32.530.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Amendments are needed to provide clarification to rules, expand recreational opportunity and opportunity for harvest, and mitigate wildlife conflicts, while maintaining sustainable game populations.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: Migratory birds are also regulated by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and coordination is managed through the Pacific Flyway. State regulations are designed to fit within the parameters of the USFWS regulation guidelines.

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 January 24, 2017. Expected proposal filing on or after January 31, 2017.

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