



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: Amending coastal Dungeness crab and electronic fish ticket rules.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.045 and 77.12.047.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Rule changes relative to the coastal buoy tag program are needed to streamline the program; clarification of rules relative to the transport of coastal Dungeness crab gear from another state are needed to improve efficiency for stakeholders and regulatory enforceability for WDFW; rule changes are needed to consider a broader application of the electronic fish ticket program.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: Coastal commercial Dungeness crab is managed by WDFW but includes management coordination with Oregon and California through the Tri-State Dungeness Crab Committee which is facilitated under the umbrella of the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission. The Tri-State D.Crab Committee does not have regulatory authority but will be notified regarding changes that affect Oregon and California.

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 June 15. Expected proposal filing on or after June 26, 2017

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