



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

Subject of possible rule making: Commercial shellfish and shellfish aquaculture rules.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCWs 77.04.012 and 77.12.047

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The proposed changes are intended to clarify existing rules based on negotiations with Treaty tribes and WDFW management policy concerning affected species.

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) Most of the changes have been negotiated with Treaty tribes and are reflected in existing harvest management agreements. Other changes have been developed by WDFW staff with input from harvesters, processors, or other interested parties.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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