



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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**Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Subject of possible rule making:** Amending Coastal Recreational Dungeness Crab 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 coastal recreational crab fishing are necessary to provide recreational fishing opportunity that does not conflict with the opening of the commercial fishery.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:**

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

**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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