



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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**Agency:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

**Subject of possible rule making:** The department is considering amending commercial fishing rules to help reduce the dumping of filleted fish carcasses and offal in Washington ports.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.045, and 77.12.047.

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** Currently, the dumping of filleted fish carcasses and offal in Washington ports has attracted large numbers of sea lions which is affecting port operations and public safety. To reduce the dumping of this material and mitigate the descent of sea lions into Washington ports, the department seeks to amend rules allowing ports to contract with licensed Fish Dealers to receive the transfer of recreationally-caught filleted fish carcasses for commercial purposes

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**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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