PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT
OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (October 2017)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Subject of possible rule making: Amendments to WAC Chapter 220-440 Wildlife management and wildlife interaction.
Changes to black bear timber damage depredation permits.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.15.245

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The department is seeking to amend WAC 220-440-210 regarding Black Bear timber damage depredation permits, adding and/or changing criteria under which a depredation permit may be issued

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: The department will coordinate with United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services as needed.

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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