



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (October 2017)**  
**(Implements RCW 34.05.310)**  
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**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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