



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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(Implements RCW 34.05.310)**

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Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

Subject of possible rule making: The department is considering rule changes related to black bear seasons and regulations, and cougar seasons and regulations.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.240, 77.32.070, 77.32.090, 77.32.370 and 77.32.530

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

Amendments to the rules are needed to provide clarification, expand recreational opportunity, and mitigate wildlife conflicts, while maintaining sustainable game populations.

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)

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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