



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 for spring black bear hunting seasons and regulations.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Within the context of WDFW's mandate to preserve, protect, and perpetuate wildlife and provide hunting opportunity for game species, these rules set the 2021 spring bear hunting seasons and regulations.

Specifically, these rules will modify seasons and permit numbers to provide recreational hunting opportunity in a manner that does not jeopardize bear 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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