



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Subject of possible rule making: For the upcoming 3-year season setting, the department is considering rule changes for the following topics: Bighorn sheep, boundaries, deer, elk, equipment, mountain goat, waterfowl, licensing, small game, and other related rule changes as needed.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, and 77.12.047.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Amendments are needed to provide clarifications to rules, expand recreational opportunity and opportunity for harvest, 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:

Migratory birds are also regulated by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and coordination is managed through the Pacific Flyway. State regulations are designed to fit within the parameters of the USFWS regulation guidelines.

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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