



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

Subject of possible rule making: The Department is considering changes to coastal commercial Dungeness crab fishing regulations and experimental gear testing and regulations pertaining to electronic fish ticket reporting for some coastal and Puget Sound commercial fisheries where electronic reporting is not already mandatory.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055 and 77.12.047

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The proposed changes are needed to clarify existing rules, update, or delete outdated rules, and make changes as necessary to improve data collection and support efforts to reduce the entanglement risk with marine life and coastal commercial Dungeness crab gear.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

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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