



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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(Implements RCW 34.05.310)**

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Agency: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

Subject of possible rule making: The agency is considering rule making to address changes to the numbers of unspecified commercial crewmember licenses allowed to be held by holders of certain commercial fishing licenses.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: The authority to adopt fishery specific rules related to the number, period of validity, use, possession and display of such licenses was delegated to the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission in HB1437 during the 2021 session of the legislature when RCW 77.65.610 was amended.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: WDFW proposes to add a new section to Washington Administration Code (WAC) 220-351-Commercial Fisheries- Permits/licensing. This rule making will be used to identify the number of unspecified commercial crewmember licenses above the current allowance (of two) which can be held by a commercial fishing license holder for specific fishing licenses.

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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