



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife P2202-10

Subject of possible rule making: The department is seeking to amend and clarify existing rules and establish new rules associated with program modifications and accessibility permits for hunters and fishers with disabilities. Possible amendments of rules in WAC chapters 220-200, 220-305, 220-413, 220-414 related to persons with a disability, disability designation, and special use permit could include, but not be limited to: editorial and housekeeping changes to improve clarity; increasing the department's options for managing permits; and modifications to appeal rights for permits. Additional rules being considered include establishing specific and consistent criteria for the standard permits provided to hunters and fishers with disabilities under RCW 77.32.237.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.32.237

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The department is renovating the process required for a program modification and accessibility permit, including but not limited to a Special Use Permit (SUP). The purpose is to streamline and simplify the process for hunters and fishers with disabilities and to increase equitable provision of reasonable access by providing for consistent application of SUP standards. This rulemaking is intended to reduce barriers that may impede the ability of hunters and fishers with disabilities to participate in department programs or services, thereby meeting the needs of our constituents while increasing the diversity of citizens afforded recreational hunting and fishing opportunities. Additionally, this rulemaking is intended to increase the efficiency of processing applications for disability related permits.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior (Civil Rights Division) and Department of Justice on ADA Compliance. The department will share proposed rule language with these agencies and cooperate as needed through the department's Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator

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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