



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) P2022-09

Subject of possible rule making:

The department is considering rule changes to WAC 220-415-080, 2021 Spring black bear special permits, to set season dates and permit numbers for Spring of 2023, as well as potential changes to inspection requirements.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.08.030.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

Amendments would be needed to set season dates and permit numbers in order to offer a 2023 spring black bear season. In addition to providing recreational hunting opportunity, a special permit season could assist the department with addressing specific management needs that include, but are not limited to, tree damage on industrial managed timberlands, human-bear conflict and damage, and harvest distribution.

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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