



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Agency #P2024 -08

Subject of possible rule making: Development of training to obtain beaver relocation permit.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.240, 77.12.120, 77.15.190, 77.15.194, 77.32.050 77.32.090, 77.32.585 and, 77.36.160.

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

The department is developing a new permit that is specific to beaver relocation and consistent with RCW 77.32.585. This permit would require applicants to be certified in beaver relocation by completing a department-approved training. This certification requirement would ensure that permittees have the knowledge needed to do the following:

- 1) Ensure humane and safe treatment of beavers during capture, handling, and release.
- 2) Select release sites based on suitable habitat criteria, beaver occupation status, social tolerance, and risk of future damage, and
- 3) Minimize the risk of disease transmission.

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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