



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) P2025-05

Subject of possible rule making: The department seeks to amend rules concerning the permanent closure of fishing areas near Washington state ferry terminals that would prohibit either commercial or recreational purse seine fishing, crabbing, shrimping and gillnetting.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCWs 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 department seeks to improve public and worker safety by prohibiting either commercial or recreational crabbing, shrimping, purse seine fishing and gillnetting near all ferry terminals managed by the Washington state department of transportation (WSDOT). In addition to safety and worker safety concerns, the commercial and recreational fishing equipment associated with these activities has historically caused significant and costly annual damage to WSDOT ferries. WSDOT has been unsuccessful in discouraging the public from commercially or recreationally fishing in these areas with public announcements, radio notices and other outreach.

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

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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