



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) [2025-06]

Subject of possible rule making: The department is considering amendments to the current recreational fishing seasons and rules for Lake Roosevelt sturgeon.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.60.070.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The weak year-classes of wild-caught-larval (WCL) white sturgeon produced between 2011-2016 (year-classes of concern) that were reared and released as part of the conservation aquaculture program in Lake Roosevelt will begin entering the existing sturgeon harvest slot (53-63 inches Fork Length) in 2025. This group of sturgeon is present in low abundance but has high conservation value. At the same time, there is a need to maintain a harvest sturgeon fishery in Lake Roosevelt to remove over-represented year-classes of hatchery sturgeon produced from 2001-2010. The department must undertake multiple rule changes over the next several years for the Lake Roosevelt sturgeon fishery to maintain the harvest of target year-classes of sturgeon while managing the fishery to minimize harvest impacts to WCL year-classes of concern.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: WDFW is the sole authority regulating the Lake Roosevelt recreational sturgeon fishery. The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and the Spokane Tribe of Indians regulate Tribal sturgeon fisheries in Lake Roosevelt.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

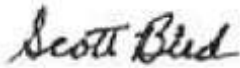
- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

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