



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) P2025-08

Subject of possible rule making: The department is considering rule making for recreational fishing to address conservation objectives and harvest opportunities that may include the closure of a portion of the Cle Elum River.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.04.020

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The department is considering amendments to recreational fishing regulations. This rulemaking will be used to address critical conservation objectives and to provide harvest opportunities consistent with conservation objectives.

A new adult fish collection facility is being constructed at the base of Cle Elum Dam. This closure is needed to prevent the targeting or harassing of fish using this facility, in keeping with statewide regulations regarding fishing closures near man-made structures/passage facilities. This rule will allow for fish to use the new facility without experiencing angling pressure which could delay their entrance to the facility.

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

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:

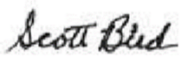
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