



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

## CR-101 (October 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.310)

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**Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

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

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCWs 77.32.585, 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.047, 77.12.120, and 77.32.090

**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) to ensure humane and safe treatment of beavers during capture, handling, and release, 2) to select release sites based on suitable habitat criteria, beaver occupation status, social tolerance, and risk of future damage, and 3) to 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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