



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

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Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department)

Subject of possible rule making: The Department is considering rule changes related to wolf management in WAC Chapter 220-440.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.240, 77.36.030, 77.36.100, 77.36.110, and 77.36.130.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Pursuant to the authority in RCW 34.05.330(3)(b), on September 4, 2020 the Governor directed the Department's Fish and Wildlife Commission to initiate rulemaking proceedings.

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

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regulates wolves in the federally listed portion of the state and Washington Department of Agriculture regulates grants for deployment of non-lethal wolf deterrence. The Department will advise and seek input from these agencies.

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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