



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

**Subject of possible rule making:** The department is considering changes to commercial shellfish rules.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 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needed and what they might accomplish:** The proposed changes are intended to clarify existing rules, update or delete outdated rules, and make changes as necessary based on negotiations with Treaty tribes and management policy concerning affected species.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** The Washington Department of Health (DOH) and Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). WDFW works closely and regularly with DOH and WDNR where shellfish regulatory authorities overlap and will coordinate with these agencies on relevant proposals.

**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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