



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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**Agency:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) 2024-13

**Subject of possible rule making:** The department is considering rulemaking to amend requirements in the coastal and Puget Sound commercial Dungeness crab fisheries.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.055, 77.12.045, 77.12.047

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** New rules, amendments to rules and clarification of existing rules are needed to enhance fishery monitoring and risk reduction for marine life entanglements. These new measures accomplish conservation objectives and improve enforceability of current rules.

**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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