



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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(Implements RCW 34.05.310)**

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Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) P2024-16.

Subject of possible rule making: The department is considering changes to recreational hunting and Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) related rules for the 2025 hunting season.

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, 77.08.030, 77.08.045, 77.12.722, 77.12.800, 77.15.190, 77.32.320, 77.32.530, and 77.32.535.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The department needs to clarify and amend rules to either expand or decrease recreational hunting opportunities, while maintaining sustainable game populations. In addition, the department must develop recreational hunting rules that make allowances for the emergency rule filed on July 11, 2024, that increased special hunt permits by 738 and decreased Mountain Goat raffle permits to zero for the 2024-25 hunting season. Furthermore, the department needs to establish permanent rules to reduce the spread of CWD in the cervid populations.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: Migratory birds are also regulated by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and coordination is managed through the Pacific Flyway. State regulations are designed to fit within the parameters of the USFWS regulations guidelines.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

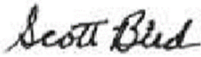
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