



# 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)

1. **Subject of possible rule making:** The Department is considering rule changes Chapter 220-500 WAC which regulates the use of WDFW lands.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047.

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The Department's general rules for department lands are unclear and contain gaps. The proposed rule changes would:

- Define certain terms and amend existing term definitions for greater clarity, and
- Amend references to defined terms for consistency and clarity.

This CR 101 is the first of likely several in the coming years to implement the rulemaking portion of the 2022 10-year recreation strategy for WDFW-managed lands. Priority #4 (Rulemaking) of the strategy identifies two goals: 1) reduce regulatory uncertainty regarding recreation-related uses and 2) regulate access and use of specific wildlife areas, units, and water access areas. Rulemaking associated with this CR 101 is intended to be fairly limited in scope and will aim to both patch some of the more pressing regulatory gaps (e.g., define "posted" to include measures other than onsite signage) and set the stage for more extensive rulemaking for deliverables 4.13 (Streambank easement rule) and 4.21 (Area-specific rulemaking approach), among others.

**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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