

**WSR 21-13-118**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is considering rule changes to WAC 220-415-080 2021 Spring black bear special permits, to set season dates and permit numbers for Spring of 2022.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, and 77.12.047.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Amendments will be needed to set season dates and permit numbers for the 2022 spring black bear season. In addition to providing recreational hunting opportunity, this special permit season assists the department with addressing specific management needs that include, but are not limited to, tree damage on industrial managed timberlands, human-bear conflict and damage, and harvest distribution.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Eric Gardner, 1111 Washington Street S.E., WA 98504, phone 360-902-2515, fax 360-902-2162, submit comments 24972@PublicInput.com, website <https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/regulations/development#preproposal-rule-making>, for questions heather.bonagofski@dfw.wa.gov.

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