WSR 21-15-112 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE [Filed July 20, 2021, 4:56 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is considering rule making for recreational fishing to address conservation objectives and harvest opportunities.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.045, and 77.12.047.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department is considering amendments to recreational fishing regulations. This rule making will be used to address critical conservation objectives and to provide harvest opportunities consistent with conservation objectives.

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 Annie Szvetecz, Agency Rules Coordinator, P.O. Box 43200, Olympia, WA 98501-3200, email recreationalfishing@PublicInput.com, website commenting https://publicinput.com/recreationalfishing; or Kelly Henderson, P.O. Box 43200, Olympia, WA 98501, email Kelly.Henderson@dfw.wa.gov.

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