WSR 22-03-089 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE [Filed January 18, 2022, 12:27 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is considering amendments to WAC 220-220-230 related to the free fishing weekend in June of each year. The considered changes may include changing the date as well as what fish and shellfish species are "free" to fishing without a state license.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 77.32.025.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Amendments being considered intend to address management concerns related to catch accounting.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Washington state parks and recreation commission and Washington department of natural resources.

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, phone 855-925-2801 project code 5860, email FreeFishing101@PublicInput.com, website https://publicinput.com/FreeFishing101. Contact for submitting comments; or Kirt Hughes, phone 360-480-2421, email kirt.hughes@dfw.wa.gov. Contact for questions.

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