

**WSR 22-24-014
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is considering rule changes for hunting regulations.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Amendments are needed to provide clarifications to rules and to expand or decrease recreational hunting opportunities, while maintaining sustainable game populations.

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 United States 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: 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., [Olympia,] WA 98504, voicemail comments 855-925-2801, project code 3277, TTY 360-902-2349, 1-800-833-6388, or 711, email 2023huntingseasons@PublicInput.com, website <https://publicinput.com/2023huntingseasons>; or Heather Bonagofski, TTY 360-902-2349, 1-800-833-6388, or 711, email heather.bonagofski@dfw.wa.gov, website <https://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/regulations>.

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