

WSR 23-04-011
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is reviewing the status of American white pelican (*Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*) currently classified as protected; shall not be hunted or fished (WAC 220-200-100 and 220-610-110).

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, and 77.12.047.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Based on the information collected and reviewed, the department will make recommendations to classify American white pelican within the protected wildlife WAC (WAC 220-200-100 Protected wildlife and 220-610-110 Endangered, threatened, and sensitive wildlife species classification).

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Federal and state agencies that regulate these species include the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, and Washington department of natural resources. The department will coordinate with appropriate entities during the review period.

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, P.O. Box 43200, phone 855-925-2801, project code 9587, fax 360-902-2162, TTY 360-902-2349 or 711, email white-pelican@PublicInput.com, website <https://publicinput.com/white-pelican>; or Heather Bonagofski, 1111 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-902-2512, email heather.bonagofski@dfw.wa.gov.

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