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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Coastal and Puget Sound shellfish fisheries.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.055, 77.12.045, 77.12.047.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: New rules and rule amendments are needed to enhance fishery monitoring and clarify existing rules. These new measures accomplish conservation objectives, advance achieving orderly fisheries, and improve the enforceability of current rules.

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 Lorna Wargo, 1111 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98501, phone 855-925-2801, project code 2157, TTY 1-800-833-6388 or 711, email [crab-and-shellfish@PublicInput.com](mailto:crab-and-shellfish@PublicInput.com), website <https://publicinput.com/crab-and-shellfish> for comments; or Heather Hall, 1111 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98501, TTY 1-800-833-6388 or 711, email [Heather.Hall@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Heather.Hall@dfw.wa.gov), website [wdfw.wa.gov](http://wdfw.wa.gov) for questions.

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