

**WSR 23-24-102**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department of fish and wild- life (department) is considering updates to beach designations (oyster drill restricted areas) according to shellfish pest status.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.60.070.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department must maintain updated shellfish re- stricted areas to prevent the spread of pest infestations harmful to shellfish.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

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 voicemail comments, call 855-925-2801 and enter #5486 for project code, TTY 1-800-833-6388 or 711, email 2024oysterdrill@publicinput.com, website <https://publicinput.com/2024oysterdrill>; or Katy Davis, Shellfish and Seaweed Health Unit Lead, 375 Hudson Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368, phone 360-302-3030 ext. 301, fax 360-302-3030, email [katherine.davis@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:katherine.davis@dfw.wa.gov).

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