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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department of fish and wildlife is considering rule making to amend requirements in the coastal and Puget Sound commercial Dungeness crab 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, amendments to rules, and clarification of existing rules are needed to enhance fishery monitoring and risk reduction for marine life entanglements. These new measures accomplish conservation objectives and improve enforceability of current rules.

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 Kelly Henderson, 1111 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98501, phone 855-925-2801, project code 10580, email commercial_crab_rules@publicinput.com, website https://publicinput.com/commercial_crab_rules.

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