

WSR 21-08-061  
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is considering changes to coastal commercial Dungeness crab fishing regulations and experimental gear testing and regulations pertaining to electronic fish ticket reporting for some coastal and Puget Sound commercial fisheries where electronic reporting is not already mandatory.

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

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The proposed changes are needed to clarify existing rules, update, or delete outdated rules, and make changes as necessary to improve data collection and support efforts to reduce the entanglement risk with marine life and coastal commercial Dungeness crab gear.

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 Heather Hall, Intergovernmental Ocean Policy Coordinator, P.O. Box 43152, Olympia, WA 98501, phone 360-490-9628, fax 360-902-2155, email Heather.Hall@dfw.wa.gov.

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