

WSR 21-08-079
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 352-60-030 and 352-60-080, rule changes to personal flotation devices required and fire extinguishers.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 79A.60.140 and 79A.60.160.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: C.F.R. 46 Part 160 governs the approval and labeling of personal flotation devices (PFD). C.F.R. 46 Part 160 has recently been updated by United States Coast Guard (USCG) to include a new PFD labeling procedure to provide consistency with Canada. This update is necessary to ensure that our state is adhering to the requirements of C.F.R. 46 Part 160. It is also needed to ensure that state and local marine law enforcement officers and our citizens better understand the new labeling authorization and labeling requirements.

46 C.F.R. Part 30-20 establishes the requirements for marine use fire extinguishers. This update is necessary to ensure that state statute is consistent with the current regulations under C.F.R. It is also necessary to ensure that state and local law enforcement and our citizens better understand the federal, state, and local requirements for required equipment-fire extinguisher.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: USCG is the federal agency tasked with regulating recreational boating within the United States of America through 46 C.F.R. as well as other C.F.R.s. Coordination is accomplished through the USCG District 13 Recreational Boating Safety Specialist.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study; compliance with federal rule C.F.R. 46 Part 160 and Part 30-20.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Matthew M. Stowers, 1111 Israel Road S.W., phone 360-791-4668, fax 360-586-6603, TTY 800-833-6388, email matt.stowers@parks.wa.us, website <https://www.parks.wa.gov/> [<https://www.parks.wa.gov/>].

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