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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 (department) is considering the development of training to obtain beaver relocation permits.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 77.32.585, 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.047, 77.12.120, and 77.32.090.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department is developing a new permit that is specific to beaver relocation and consistent with RCW 77.32.585. This permit would require applicants to be certified in beaver relocation by completing a department-approved training. This certification requirement would ensure that permittees have the knowledge needed to do the following: (1) To ensure humane and safe treatment of beavers during capture, handling, and release; (2) to select release sites based on suitable habitat criteria, beaver occupation status, social tolerance, and risk of future damage; and (3) to minimize the risk of disease transmission.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: Pilot rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Eric Gardner, P.O. Box 43200, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 855-925-2801, code 1759, email 2024beaverrelocation@publicinput.com, website <https://publicinput.com/2024beaverrelocation>.

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