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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 wild-  
life (department) is considering a recommendation to classify the is-  
land marble butterfly as state endangered, threatened, or sensitive as  
defined under chapter 220-610 WAC.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject:  
RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, and  
77.12.240.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They  
Might Accomplish: The department is responsible for making recommenda-  
tions regarding the listing status of certain animal species, and if  
those species should be classified as sensitive, threatened, or endan-  
gered as defined under chapter 220-610 WAC. To properly classify the  
status of the island marble butterfly, the department will review all  
relevant data pertaining to the population status and factors affect-  
ing existence in Washington state. An initial department review indi-  
cates that the island marble butterfly is already listed as endangered  
as a species under the federal Endangered Species Act, its population  
has declined significantly, and multiple factors negatively affect its  
continued existence in Washington state.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and  
the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Federal and  
state agencies that regulate or support occurrences of this species  
include the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land  
Management, National Park Service, and the Washington department of  
natural resources. The department will coordinate with appropriate  
federal and state agencies during the review period.

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  
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Additional comments: Department rule-making information [https://  
wdfw.wa.gov/about/regulations](https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/regulations).

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