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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: For the upcoming three-year season setting, the department is considering rule changes for the following topics: Deer, elk, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, equipment, waterfowl, trapping, small and upland game, landowner hunting permits and raffle hunts, and other related rule changes as needed.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Amendments are needed to update shifting calendar dates, provide clarifications to rules, adjust recreational opportunity to maintain sustainable game populations, and other reasons that may be identified at a later date.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Migratory birds are also regulated by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and coordination is managed through the Pacific Flyway. State regulations are designed to fit within the parameters of the USFWS regulation guidelines.

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 Eric Gardner, 1111 Washington Street [S.E.], Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-902-2515, fax 360-902-2162, email rules.coordinator@dfw.wa.gov, website wdfw.wa.gov, general comments to publicinput.com/seasonsetting, email 81780@publicinput.com, comment by phone 855-925-2801, project code 6697.

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