

WSR 24-03-120
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The Washington state department of fish and wildlife (WDFW) is considering amending current recreational fishing rules resulting from stakeholder recommendations made during the 2024 North of Falcon process.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.045, and 77.12.047.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The recreational fishing rules based on North of Falcon recommendations change from year to year to reflect resource availability and to achieve conservation goals. Amendments to recreational fishing rules are needed to implement the agreed-upon changes.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: There are several other agencies involved in this rule making in association with the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC) season setting process including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency, Fisheries division (National Marine Fisheries Service). These agencies, as well as WDFW, all provide input and/or take part in the PFMC/North of Falcon season setting meeting.

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 Kelly Henderson, phone 855-925-2801, project code 3210, email 2024nofrecreational@publicinput.com, website <https://publicinput.com/2024nofrecreational>, [background] <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon>.

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