PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

Agency: Department of Natural Resources

Subject of possible rule making: Topographic Map Requirements

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 58.24.040(1)

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Topographic surveys and the maps produced to document and display the results are a product of professional land surveying practice separate from boundary surveys. Our intention in drafting the proposed WAC is to provide a standard for a topographic map that can stand on its own apart from boundary standards. It may be that maps produced by a professional land surveyor will have some elements of several or all of the different types of surveys. The proposed standards are specifically for topographic maps.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

Washington Department of Licensing, Board of Registration for Engineers and Land Surveyors. The rules developed and adopted by DNR are used by the Board of Registration to monitor professional practice and cases of discipline.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

☐ Negotiated rule making
☐ Pilot rule making
☐ Agency study
☒ Other (describe) Full Rule-Making Process, Notification via ListServ, email to stakeholders, and hearings

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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WAC hearings are planned for Vancouver, Spokane and Seattle.