



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Forest Practices Board

Subject of possible rule making:

Amend Title 222 WAC relating to the Adaptive Management Program and harvest of forest biomass.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 76.09.040

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

This rule making will incorporate recommendations to reform the Adaptive Management Program resulting from the 2012 settlement agreement regarding the Forest Practices Habitat Conservation Plan. In addition, recommendations will be incorporated from the Forest Practices Biomass Working Group that will include a definition and clarify the harvest of forest biomass.

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

None.

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

The Board will coordinate with Forests and Fish Policy on the adaptive management program rule making and seek agreement from the Department of Ecology to incorporate necessary changes from the settlement agreement.

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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