



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

Agency: Dept. of Agriculture

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 16-752 WAC – Noxious Weed Seed and Plant Quarantine. The agency is considering adding additional species to the noxious weed seed and plant quarantine. These species include: butterfly bush (*Buddleja davidii*), except for sterile hybrid cultivars; yellow archangel (*Lamiastrum galeobdolon*); lesser celandine (*Ficaria verna*); all nonnative hawkweed species and hybrids (*Hieracium spp.*); Senegal tea plant (*Gymnocoronis spilanthoides*); and Australian water clover (*Marsilea mutica*).

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 17.10.074, 17.24.011, RCW 17.24.041, and chapter 34.05 RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The intrusion into this state of non-native, invasive weed species continues to be a concern. The spread of these weeds presents a risk to the economic well-being of the agricultural, forest, horticultural, and floricultural industries, and the environmental quality and natural resources of the state. Initiating quarantines forbidding entry or distribution of weed species may be critical for their exclusion or control.

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) Department staff will discuss any proposed amendments with affected stakeholders. Affected stakeholders will also have an opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules during the public comment period and will be able to present oral testimony at the public hearing.

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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