



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 16-401 WAC Nursery Inspection Fees and Chapter 16-470 WAC Quarantine – Agricultural Pests. The department is considering increasing the fees for: nursery dealer licenses, requested inspections, plant sale permits, plant pest inspections, post entry quarantine site inspections, witnessing fumigations, phytosanitary certification of exports, compliance agreements, and other certificates/documents.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 15.13.260, 15.13.280, 15.14.015, and 17.24.131; and chapter 34.05 RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: These rules establish the fees charged by the Plant Services Program for activities authorized in chapter 15.13, 15.14, and 17.24 RCW. The program’s revenue is almost solely derived from inspection, testing, and license fees. An increase in fees would enable the program to cover the costs associated with actually performing these activities. The increase in revenue is necessary for the financial stability of the program.

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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