



# 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:**

The Forest Practices Board is considering amending chapter 222-30 WAC, Timber Harvesting, related to riparian desired future condition performance targets. The Board is also considering minor clarifications to other rules within this chapter.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:**

RCW 76.90.040

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

Pursuant to RCW 76.09.370, the Forest Practices Board incorporates a scientific-based adaptive management process to determine the effectiveness of the 2001 forest practices rules in aiding Washington's salmon recovery effort. Under this adaptive management process, a scientific study has been completed by the Forest Practices Board's Cooperative Monitoring, Evaluation, and Research Committee, *Validation of the Western Washington Riparian Desired Future Condition (DFC) Performance Targets in the Washington State Forest Practices Rules with Data From Mature, Unmanaged, Conifer-Dominated Riparian Stands*. The study's findings show that basal area per acre of mature, unmanaged conifer-dominated riparian stands is significantly different from the values used in the rule.

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

The Forest Practices Board adopts rules pertaining to water quality protection with agreement from the Washington Department of Ecology.

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

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

**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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