



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (October 2017)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)**

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DATE: February 13, 2023

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WSR 23-05-061

Agency: Department of Revenue

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 458-40-610 Timber excise tax – Definitions and WAC 458-40-660 Timber excise tax—Stumpage value tables—Stumpage value adjustments.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW [84.33.096](#), [82.32.300](#), [82.01.060](#)(2), and [84.33.091](#).

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The department anticipates amending WAC 458-40-610 to update the definition of “thinning.”

RCW [84.33.091](#) requires the department of revenue to revise the stumpage value tables every six months. The department establishes stumpage value tables to apprise timber harvesters of the timber values used to calculate the timber excise tax. The department anticipates amending WAC 458-40-660 to provide valuations for the second half of 2023.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: Although the United States Forest Service and Washington State Department of Natural Resources both regulate forest practices, neither is involved in valuation for taxation purposes. The nontax processes and definitions are coordinated with these agencies to avoid conflict, but it is not necessary to involve them in the valuation revisions provided in this rule.

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study

Other (describe) Parties interested in this rule making may contact the individual listed below. The public may also participate by providing written comments throughout this rule making or giving oral testimony at the public meeting or public hearing.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

	(If necessary)
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Additional comments: A preliminary draft of possible rule changes will be available upon request shortly before the public meeting. Written comments may be submitted by email and should be directed to [Tiffany Do](#) using one of the contact methods above.

Written and oral comments will be accepted at the Public Meeting and until April 21, 2023.

Date: April 18, 2023

Time: 9:00am

Public Meeting Location: Telephonic/internet meeting only. Contact TiffanyD@dor.wa.gov for dial-in/login information.

Date: February 13, 2023	Signature: 
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