**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**

**Agency:** Dept. of Agriculture

**Subject of possible rule making:** Chapter 16-350 WAC, Registration and Certification of Fruit Tree Planting Stock. The department is considering adopting changes to the fruit tree planting stock rule to better align with the National Clean Plant Network. This proposal would adopt the format of the fruit tree “State Level Model Regulatory Standard” of the National Clean Plant Network, modify the eligibility requirements for registered prunus trees, and clarify eligibility requirements for imported propagation material.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 15.14.015, and chapter 34.05 RCW

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**
- [ ] Negotiated rule making
- [ ] Pilot rule making
- [ ] Agency study
- [X] 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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