

# **If we were to create a new fee structure today, what would it be?**

## **Update on the License Fee Evaluation**

At their February 13, 2015, meeting, the Commissioners finished reviewing the January PowerPoint presentation and the February presentation. The following topics were discussed:

- Taxes on gambling activities at the state and local levels;
- Challenges with the current fee structure;
- How other states fund their gambling regulation;
- How we regulate licensed and unlicensed activities; and
- An analysis of revenue received by licensed activities.

This presentation is posted on our website. Many licensees and stakeholders attended the meeting and participated by giving their thoughts and feedback to the Commissioners on our current license fee structure. Stakeholders commented on the complexity of our recordkeeping requirements for pull-tabs, taxation of pull-tabs, and possible new activities.

In response to the question the Commissioners are exploring during these discussions... If we were to create a new fee structure today, what would it be? Licensees provided the following suggestions through testimony:

- Base license fees on a percentage of gross receipts, which allow for the elimination of activity reports, second-half payments, license classes, variances, exceeding class fines and refunds; and
- Have one fee for all license applicants based on the cost of the background investigation.

On March 12, 2015, we will be sharing the fee concepts suggested by licensees over the last few months. The presentation and discussion will be at the Double Tree by Hilton located at 415 Capitol Way North in Olympia, WA. The meeting time and agenda can be found under Public Meetings in the upper-right corner of our website.

For those of you not able to attend the meeting, you can use the Remote Comment feature to call-in during the Commission meeting. Please submit your e-mail request to participate to [michelle.rancour@wsgc.wa.gov](mailto:michelle.rancour@wsgc.wa.gov) at least 24 hours before the meeting. Instructions will be posted on our website.

We will post the March presentation material as soon as it becomes available.

If you would like to provide feedback on this topic for the Commissioners' consideration, you can email [Hollie.Arrona@wsgc.wa.gov](mailto:Hollie.Arrona@wsgc.wa.gov).