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Update on the License Fee Evaluation

At their January 9, 2015, meeting, the Commissioners reviewed over half of the January PowerPoint presentation. We covered the following topics:

- Changes to RCW 9.46.070, which sets out the Commissioners’ powers and duties to set our funding;
- The chronological changes to our license fees from 1973 to current;
- A review of our current license fee structure;
- The other fees licensees pay, such as exceeding class fees and identification stamp fees; and
- An analysis of gambling receipts, licensee levels and fees, and license fees as a percentage of receipts for each license type.

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. Comments ranged from suggestions for changing the size of the license classes to eliminating the exceeding class fees. The discussions over the next few months will be to answer this question…If we were to create a new fee structure today, what would it be?

On February 12, 2015, we will begin our discussion with slide 62 of the January PowerPoint and then cover these additional topics:

- How other states fund gambling regulation;
- How the Gambling Commission regulates licensed and unlicensed activities; and
- An analysis of revenues received by licensed activity.

Our next fee evaluation presentation and discussion will be on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at the Red Lion Hotel located at 2300 Evergreen Park Drive SW in Olympia, WA. The meeting time has yet to be determined. The meeting time and agenda can be found under Public Meetings in the upper-right corner of our website. The meeting time will be posted no later than one week prior to the meeting.

We will post the February 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 Hollee.Arrona@wsgc.wa.gov.