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

Update on the License Fee Evaluation

At the March 12, 2015, Commission meeting, the three-month evaluation of our license fee structure concluded with a discussion of the following:

- A summary of the stakeholder feedback received over the last few months;
- Suggestions for a new fee structure for today’s environment based on stakeholder comments; and
- An analysis of revenue received by licensed activities.

The two fee structures presented can be summarized as follows:

- Make changes to the existing fee structure by having one fee structure for commercial and charitable, nonprofit gambling activities, grouping similar activities under one fee structure and eliminating unused license classes. This would reduce the number of fees from about 200 to possibly 120.
- A progressive license fee based upon gross gambling receipts, which would be paid the following quarter.

In the summer months, staff will be meeting with stakeholders to go over in more detail each suggested fee structure. We will post the stakeholder meeting information on our website as it becomes available.

Staff is expecting to share the proposed license fee amounts for both suggested fee structures at the September 2015 meeting, which is in Spokane. See our website for meeting information.

If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback on this topic for the Commissioners’ consideration, you can email Hollee.Arrona@wsgc.wa.gov.