Who We Are

We are a limited jurisdiction law enforcement agency and the only statewide agency devoted to gambling licensing, regulation and enforcement.

- Established by the Legislature in 1973 after a series of gambling related scandals.
- Second oldest gambling regulatory agency in the nation.
- Few major gambling scandals since the Commission was created.
- Our regulatory investigations are among the most effective in the nation.

Working closely with local, state, federal and international law enforcement agencies, we accomplish our Legislative Declaration of:
- Keeping the criminal element out of gambling.
- Promoting social welfare through strict regulation and enforcement of gambling related scandals.

Independent Citizens Commission: Five citizens are appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, to act as part-time Commissioners, for a single six-year term.

Agency Staff:
- Gambling Special Agents are commissioned law enforcement officers. Agents attend the Criminal Justice Training Commission in Burien and receive the same training as other police officers.
- Most Agents are Certified Fraud Examiners and some are Certified Public Accountants.

Funding

- Non-general fund and non-appropriated agency.
- Funded through licensing and regulatory fees paid by licensees and Tribal governments.
- State University's W. D. Rubelhaus Center. She has worked with profit and nonprofit organizations, Tribes, law enforcement organizations, and local, state, and federal governments.

Licensed Gambling Activities

- Card games
- Bingo
- Amusement Games
- Pull-Tabs
- Punch boards
- Raffles
- Fund-Raising Events
- We also enforce state laws for unlicensed gambling, such as sports wagering, promotional drawings and unlicensed raffles.

Cock Fighting Bust | 2014

Thurston County: Responding to complaints by neighbors, Agents launched an investigation resulting in the arrest of a Rochester man who was charged with 3 Felonies:

- Animal Cruelty 1st Degree
- Animal Fighting 2nd Degree
- Professional Gambling 2nd Degree.

The suspect served 21 days in jail. The case is pending in Thurston Co. Superior Court.

Operation Red Light | 2013

Spokane: Agents investigated vice crimes at a casino. Eight people were arrested and charged with promoting prostitution and money laundering. Approx. $360,000 in cash, real estate and other property were seized. The cases are pending in Spokane Co. Superior Court. This three-year investigation involved local, state, federal and Tribal law enforcement agencies.

Audits and On-site Investigations

We conduct in-depth audits, on-site “spot” checks, and work undercover to ensure games are legal and honest. In 2014:

- 5,300 inspections.
- 500 complaints from the public investigated.
- 600 additional investigations initiated by us.
- 800 gambling rule/law violations were found.
- 210 criminal violations were found.
- 63 criminal cases sent to prosecutors.
- 29 cases were worked with other law enforcement agencies where they were the referring agency to the prosecutor’s office.

Gambling Tax - 2013 | $29 million

Local jurisdictions collect gambling tax, the state does not.

Black Friday | 2011

Agents initiated an investigation into illegal Internet gambling sites, which resulted in the FBI seizing domain sites of three Internet poker sites: Poker Stars, Full Tilt Poker, and Absolute/Ultimate Bet Poker.

- 9 of the 11 suspects pled guilty to money laundering and violating the federal Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act. Two suspects remain fugitives.
- Seizures from 76 bank accounts in 14 foreign countries and 9 U.S. States. The U.S. Department of Justice is asking for $3 billion in civil forfeitures.
- So far, there are settlement agreements of over $783 million.

Internet Gambling

The Washington State Constitution prohibits all gambling activities unless the activity is specifically authorized in state law. Internet gambling has never been authorized in the state.

International Internet Gambling Task Force: We are founder and co-chair of a national and international task force working on education, awareness and coordinating enforcement activities to deter illegal Internet gambling.

Internet and Cyber Crime Training: We provide Internet and Cyber Crime training to federal, state, local and international agencies. We have trained officials from over 70 countries.

Intranet Gambling By States

3 states have authorized Intranet gambling, restricted to residents within their borders:

- Nevada (2011)
- Delaware (2012)
- New Jersey (2013)

12 states considering legislation for Intranet gambling:

- California
- Illinois
- New York
- Florida
- Maryland
- Pennsylvania
- Massachusetts
- West Virginia
- Hawaii
- Iowa
- Texas
- Mississippi

Our Link to the Legislature

Senator Steve Conway 29th District
Senator Mike Hewitt 15th District
Representative Christopher Hurst 31st District
Representative Bruce Chandler 15th District
Tribal Gaming
The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), passed by Congress in 1988, requires states to negotiate Gaming Compacts in good faith to allow Tribes to offer casino style gaming if it is allowed in the state. The Director is delegated the responsibility to negotiate Gaming Compacts.

All 29 federally recognized Tribes in Washington have a Gaming Compact.

Enforcement and Regulation
We jointly regulate Tribal gaming activities by working with Tribes to provide on-site enforcement and regulation.

We certify Tribal gaming employees, who are also licensed by the Tribes. Since 1992, we have certified nearly 31,000 employees; about 9,600 are currently certified/licensed.

Gaming Net Receipts (estimated)

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Contributions | $23.1 million
• $18.4 million (approx) to governmental agencies, fire and emergency services, law enforcement, and charities - 2012.
• Over $2.2 million: Smoking cessation - 2013
• Over $2.5 million: Problem gambling - 2013

Machine Gaming
Machine gaming is modeled after the Washington State Lottery’s scratch ticket games.

• Each Tribe is allotted 975 machines. If they want more, they may lease or purchase the rights from other Tribes.
• The maximum number of machines allowed in the state is 28,275; about 95% are currently in operation.

Electronic Gaming Lab
We test Tribal gaming machines for compliance and integrity.

Washington State
GAMBLING COMMISSION

Chris Stearns
Commission Chair
Appointed May 2013
Term expires June 2015

Commissioner Stearns is an attorney specializing in Indian law. He previously served four years as Counsel to the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources and was the first-ever Director of Indian Affairs for the U.S. Department of Energy. He is also the past Chairman of the Seattle Human Rights Commission.

Bud Sizemore
Commission Vice Chair
Appointed April 2014
Term expires June 2019

Commissioner Sizemore is a former Mayor Pro Tempore and member of the Covington City Council, and Legislative Liaison for the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters. He is currently a fire fighter with the Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority.

Earned accreditation from the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs in 2014.

28 Tribal Casinos
17 Tribes operate one casino each
4 Tribes operate two casinos each
1 Tribe operates three casinos

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David Trujillo was appointed Director by the Commissioners in June 2013. Prior to this appointment, he was the agency’s Deputy Director.

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