

CARD ROOM CONNECTION

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FOR CARD ROOM OPERATORS AND CARD ROOM EMPLOYEES

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Sports Wagering

It's that time of year again, when sports fans enjoy wagering on their favorite teams.

If you allow customers to bet on sports at your card room, here's what you need to know to ensure it is operated correctly.

Both businesses and individuals may offer 100 square sports pool boards. Strict rules must be followed when offering them ([RCW 9.46.0335](#)).

Each business or individual may offer only **one** board on any single athletic event.

- The board must be divided into **100 squares**.
- You may charge **up to one dollar per square**.
- Each player must be charged the same entry fee (up to \$1 per square).



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Underage Gambling Inspections

By: Special Agent Mark Richart, Kennewick Field Office

In 2003, we began inspecting house-banked card rooms to see if they were allowing persons under the age of 18 (minors) to gamble. Our agents sent minors into card rooms to attempt to gamble.

Card rooms often have security officers who check patrons' identification for age. For whatever reason, security officers may allow minors to enter card rooms.



Even though a security officer checks identification and allows a minor to enter, it is still the responsibility of the person conducting the gambling activity, the card dealer, to ensure players are not minors.

We also conduct underage checks where pull-tab are sold. Agents send minors into the business and have them attempt to purchase pull-tabs.

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Gambling Promotions

By: Program Manager Jeannette Sugai, Southwest Regional Field Office

Agents have reviewed multiple gambling promotion schemes for licensees over the past few months that involved awarding the promotional prize based on a second element of chance, such as opening an envelope or scratching a ticket.

These types of promotions are not allowed. The gambling promotional prize must be determined and awarded based on the outcome of the gambling activity being conducted, not a second element of chance.

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Commission Member Changes

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.



Keven Rojecki was appointed as a Gambling Commissioner in July 2006 by Governor Gregoire; his term expired June 30, 2012.

He served as Commission Chair for one year and Vice-Chair for two years.

We appreciate Commissioner Rojecki's ability to take all perspectives into consideration when making decisions.

Commissioner Rojecki is a 15-year veteran firefighter with the SeaTac Fire Department and was a legislative liaison with the Washington State Council of Firefighters.



Michael Reichert was appointed as a Gambling Commissioner July 2009 by Governor Gregoire. Commissioner Reichert resigned as a Commissioner effective January 12, 2013.

We anticipate Governor Inslee will appoint a new Commissioner to finish Commissioner Reichert's term, which runs through June 2015.

Commissioner Reichert is President of Catholic Community Services of Western Washington and the Archdiocesan Housing Authority.

He is an enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, White Earth Indian Reservation.



Margarita Prentice was appointed as a Commissioner by Governor Gregoire to replace Keven Rojecki.

She attended her first Commission meeting as a Commissioner in August 2012.

For the past 18 years, Commissioner Prentice has served as an Ex Officio member of the Commission. Ex Officio members are State Senators and Representatives who are appointed by caucus leadership and only vote to approve or amend Tribal-State Gaming Compacts and amendments.

Senator Prentice has been a regular attendee of meetings and we welcome her continued participation as a Commissioner.

Online Services

We continue to add more online services to our website. We hope these processes make business easier for you.

Class III (Tribal)

- Employee Renewal
- Personnel Termination Notification

Individuals

- Card Room Employee Renewal

Organizations

- Card Room Employee Transfer/Add Employer Application
- Gambling Employee Renewal Application Reprint
- Personnel Termination Notification
- Recreational Gaming Activity Reporting
- Fund-Raising Event Application
- Recreational Gaming Application
- Change Application (Name, bingo location, ownership change, etc.)
- Social/Public Card Room Tournament Application
- Financial Activity Reporting



Problem Gambling Public Service Announcements Coming

We will be partnering with the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling (ECPG) to launch two problem gambling education and awareness campaigns in 2013.

The first campaign will launch February 2013. Part of the message will be that underage gambling is illegal (RCW 9.46.228 - SB 5040 passed in 2009 making underage gambling a \$125 civil infraction).

The second campaign will launch March 2013. We anticipate the message will include information about animal fighting and the illegal gambling that typically takes place during these violent events.



ECPG will be working with KOMO TV and Radio/Fisher Communications to produce and air these campaigns. Keep your eyes and ears on KOMO to catch these announcements!



Problem Gambling Awareness Week March 3 - 9, 2013

National Problem Gambling Awareness Week is March 3 - 9, 2013. For details visit: www.npgaw.org



Problem Gambling Conference July 19 - 20, 2013

The National Conference on Problem Gambling will be hosted by the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling (ECPG) on July 19 & 20, 2013, at the Doubletree by Hilton Seattle Airport Hotel.

For details visit: www.evergreencpg.org



Gambling Promotions Continued

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WAC 230-06-030 allows licensees to conduct gambling promotions to encourage players to begin or continue participating in a gambling activity, as long as the following restrictions are met:

- All players are given an equal opportunity to participate; and
- You establish standards to determine how you will award the promotional items to players; and
- You do not award items based on an element of chance, such as a drawing or spinning a wheel, unless you are doing so as part of a bingo game; and
- You do not give another chance to participate in a gambling activity as a promotional item; and
- You display all rules or restrictions clearly in the gambling area and include them on promotional materials or advertisements; and
- You do not combine gambling activities and related gambling promotions in any way with a Promotional Contest of Chance (RCW 9.46.0356).

Promotions may be added to non-proprietary card games (games that card room operators don't pay a fee to use) and other gambling activities if they meet the requirements above.

Examples of non-proprietary games are generic Blackjack and Pai Gow Poker games.



Promotions may be added to proprietary card games (games that card room operators pay a fee to operate) only if permission is given by the manufacturer that owns the rights to the game.

If you have any questions as to whether a promotion you are considering running on your gambling activity is allowed, please contact your local gambling agent.

Card Room Owners Reporting Changes in Ownership Some Changes Require a New License

By: Donna Khanhasa, Financial Investigations Unit

We are often asked to explain the difference between approvals and disclosures of ownership changes, and which types of ownership changes require a new license. For example: What changes do I need to report? When do I need to report them? If I sell part of my business, is my license void?

If you are unsure of what you need to report and when you need to report it, please contact us. We are happy to walk you through the requirements.

Report Changes in Ownership (WAC 230-06-107)

Licenses must **report** any change in ownership to us, when the change would result in any person or organization becoming a substantial interest holder.

A "**Substantial interest holder**" is a person who has actual or potential influence over the management or operation of any organization or association (WAC 230-03-045). Two examples of a substantial interest holder are someone who owns:

- Ten percent or more of any class of stock in a privately or closely held corporation; or
- Five percent or more of any class of stock in a publicly traded corporation.

Report these ownership changes within 30 days:

- When a person or organization becomes a substantial interest holder, when they were not immediately before the transaction; or
- When a substantial interest holder purchases any additional stock.

Send us the form, fee and documents within 30 days:

You must send us a "Notification for Change in Ownership" form within 30 days after the change has occurred. This is for disclosure purposes only; Be sure to include the required fee and include:

- For corporations: A copy of the meeting minutes detailing the change of ownership; or
- For limited liability companies (LLC): An amended LLC agreement that includes the new member(s).

You can find the **Notification Forms** on our website or we can mail the form to you:

- Corporations:
<http://www.wsgc.wa.gov/forms/apps/4-011a-f.pdf>
- Limited Liability Companies:
<http://www.wsgc.wa.gov/forms/apps/4-011c-f.pdf>

New owners must qualify for a license:

Your gambling license may be revoked if the new substantial interest holder does not qualify to hold a gambling license. An investigation of each transaction will

be conducted by us to determine the details of the transaction and the qualifications of each new substantial interest holder.

"Be careful. Some changes in ownership will void your license and you will have to stop operating gambling..."

Changes in Ownership That Require a New License (WAC 230-06-108)

Be careful. Some changes in ownership will void your license and you will have to stop operating gambling activities until a new license is approved.

Your gambling license will become void if any of the following changes in ownership occur (a new license must be obtained before operating any gambling activities):

- The business is sold; or
- A sole proprietorship brings in a new person and forms a partnership, corporation or LLC; or
- A partnership adds another partner or changes partners; or
- A person or business becomes the owner of **more than fifty percent** of corporate stock or limited liability membership shares/units, when the person or business *did not have at least the following substantial interest* in the business immediately before the transaction:
 - Ten or more percent ownership in a privately held corporation or limited liability company (LLC); or
 - Five or more percent ownership in a publicly traded corporation or LLC; or
- A change in a person's ownership, together with ownership of any members of his or her immediate family, who are under the age of eighteen years of age, results in the person having more than 50 percent interest in the business when the person did not have at least the following substantial interest in the business:
 - Ten or more percent ownership in a privately held corporation or LLC; or
 - Five or more percent ownership in a publicly traded corporation or LLC.

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Card Room Management Training

By: Philette Hamakua-Ling, Licensing Operations Division

We offer licensing training to card room operators and their Human Resources staff. We want you and your staff to be familiar with the process, forms and steps needed for different situations. This helps ensure applications submitted to our office are accurate and complete, which reduces processing time.

We provide training for new staff or as a refresher at no cost. Give us a call at (360) 486-3440, extension 2331, to schedule a training session at our office or a location convenient to you.

Card room management training covers:

- Applications: New, waivers, renewals, add/transfers, and name changes.
- Authorized signature sheets.
- Non-sufficient funds and stop payments.
- Military renewals.
- Withdrawal and administrative closing of applications.
- Fingerprinting applicants.
- Our website.
- On-line processes.



Recordkeeping and Operations Training

If you would like training on gambling procedures or recordkeeping requirements, please contact the Field Office closest to you to schedule training. There is no cost for this training.

Everett 3501 Colby Ave, Suite 102
Everett, WA 98201
(425) 304-6300
EverettFO@wsgc.wa.gov

Renton 451 SW 10th St.
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Ray.Wakeman@wsgc.wa.gov

Card Room Owners Reporting Changes in Ownership Some Changes Require a New License Continued

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When you sell your business, your gambling license is void if you sell:

- More than 50% of the shares to another individual who is **not** already a substantial interest holder in your company.
- Your business to another person or entity.

Here's how you may continue to operate gambling during the sale of your business:

If you do not want to have any down time for operations, the Purchase and Sales Agreement for the sale of your business should be written with a contingency clause that states, "closing will be contingent upon approval of the gambling license(s)."

This does not mean that the buyer can operate the business. The buyer must apply for a new license and the Gambling Commission will complete normal processing of the application, **prior to the closing of the sale.**

We will conduct a background check on the buyer and source funds used to purchase the business. If the buyer qualifies for a gambling license, we will send them a letter stating that after we receive the **final** signed and dated closing documents, we will issue them a temporary gambling license. The buyer may operate gambling activities once they receive the temporary license. Staff will then ask the Commissioners to approve the buyers for a gambling license (non-temporary) at a Commission meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Collene Engle, Licensing Supervisor, at (360) 486-3539 or Keith Schuster, the Program Manager in the Financial Investigations Unit, at (360) 486-3559.

Recently Adopted Rule Changes

Petition from the Public

Texas Hold'em Wager Increase

Effective Date: 1/1/2013

Administrative Order: 680

WAC 230-15-135 Wager limits for nonhouse-banked card games.

WAC 230-15-189 Repealer of pilot program rule.

The Recreational Gaming Association's request to increase Texas Hold'em wager limits from \$40 to \$100 was approved.

This approval came after several years of discussion between staff and stakeholders regarding poker wager limits. Following is a brief history of those discussions.

Between 2005 and 2008, the Commissioners received three petitions to increase poker wager limits.

- In 2005, a petition to increase poker wagers limits from \$25 to \$100 was denied.
- In 2007, a petition to increase poker wager limits from \$25 to \$40 was adopted.
- In 2008, a petition to increase poker wager limits across the board from \$40 to \$500 was filed. After a year of discussion, the Commission amended the petition and increased a specific type of "all-in" wager for the game of Texas Hold'em only from \$40 to \$500. The rule was later found unworkable and repealed.

In 2009, the Commissioners recommended that a workgroup of stakeholders and staff come together to discuss impacts and desired results of any potential card game wager increase. The workgroup met monthly and recommended an 18 month pilot program to test increasing wager limits from \$40 to \$100 for only the game of Texas Hold'em.

During the October 2010 - May 2012 pilot program:

- 20 card rooms offered higher Texas Hold'em wager limits.
- 11 card rooms were still offering higher Texas Hold'em wagering limits at the end of the pilot program.
- Three card rooms closed during the pilot program.
- Higher wager limits were not offered every day.
- Though only a few card rooms offered increased wager limits, there were some positive impacts. Two card rooms showed an increase in food and beverage sales while offering increased wager limits.
- Commission staff did not experience any regulatory problems.

Similar to the results of the pilot program, we anticipate only a few card rooms will offer increased Texas Hold'em wager limits.

Petition from the Public

Paying Player-Supported Jackpot Prizes

Effective Date: 2/11/2013

Administrative Order: 683

WAC 230-15-405 Paying out prizes on a player-supported jackpot.

A house-banked card room's request to increase the amount of payout in chips or cash for player-supported jackpot prizes from \$2,500 to \$5,000 was approved.

Petition from the Public

Performing Maintenance on Card Game Equipment

Effective Date: 2/11/2013

Administrative Order: 684

New Section: WAC 230-03-201 Gambling equipment connecting to external tools for standard maintenance.

A licensed manufacturer's request to connect external tools to card shufflers, ace finders, and similar card game equipment to conduct standard maintenance was approved. The maintenance must be performed by a licensed representative and only the card game equipment and external tool would be connected to each other. Connecting to the Internet or any other equipment or network is not allowed.

Staff Proposed Rule Change

Individuals Accessing Their Criminal History Records

Effective Date: 1/1/2013

Administrative Order: 681

WAC 230-21-001 Purpose.

New Rule: WAC 230-21-030 Inspecting criminal history record information.

This new rule explains how individuals can review their criminal history record information in our files.

This proposal brings our rules current with state law, including Engrossed Senate Bill ESB 6296, which was passed during the 2012 Session to allow criminal justice agencies to provide copies of criminal history record information and charge reasonable fees for fingerprinting (to verify identities of requestors) or copies.



Rule Changes Under Review

Up For Final Action at the March 2013 Commission Meeting

Petition from the Public

Connecting “Envy” and “Share the Wealth” “Bonus Features” at a House-Banked Card Room

WAC 230-15-040 Requirements for authorized card games.

WAC 230-15-685 Restrictions on progressive jackpots.

Rockland Ridge, a licensed gambling service supplier, and Galaxy Gaming, a licensed manufacturer, are requesting approval to connect “envy” and “share the wealth” “bonus features” among different card games and different tables at a house-banked card room.

A similar petition was denied at the February 2012 meeting due to regulatory and policy concerns. The petitioners revised their petition and the Commission filed their new petition at the April 2012 Commission meeting. It was also discussed at the May and July meetings. After the July meeting, the petition was placed on hold until after staff tested the petitioners’ equipment to see if it met the requirements set out in their proposed rule. Testing was completed and the equipment appeared to meet the requirements in the petitioners’ proposed rule.

The petition was discussed at the October 2012 meeting and was Up for Final Action at the November 2012 Meeting. At the November meeting, the petitioners were unable to set up their equipment to provide a demonstration of how their equipment would work. Because of this, they asked that their proposed rule change be held over until the March or April 2013 Commission meeting.

Staff Proposed Rule Change

Reinstating the use of Electronic Facsimiles of Cards in All Card Games, Not Just House-Banked Card Games

Repealed Section: WAC 230-15-485 Electronic facsimiles of cards allowed.

New Section: WAC 230-15-116 Electronic facsimiles of cards allowed.

The proposed amendment would correct a filing error by staff and:

- Reinstatement of the use of electronic facsimiles of cards for “all” card games, not just “house-banked” card games; and
- Move this rule from the house-banked card room section of the rules manual, to rules relating to all card games.

In July 2001, the Commissioners adopted a petition for rule change submitted by DigiDeal amending WAC 230-40-070 to allow electronic facsimiles of cards (EFC) in house-banked card games, effective January 1, 2002.

In May 2004, the Commissioners adopted a second petition for rule change submitted by DigiDeal amending WAC 230-40-070 to allow EFC to be used in “all” card games not just “house-banked” card games, effective July 1, 2004. A few months later in August 2004, the Commissioners adopted a staff proposed rule change to WAC 230-40-070 regarding logo cards. When this amendment was filed, staff inadvertently filed a version that did not incorporate DigiDeal’s petition to allow EFC in *all* card games. In effect, this accidentally eliminated the amendment the Commissioners adopted in May 2004.

Rule-Making Process and How You Can Comment

This article explains how you can comment on proposed rule changes or share your ideas for new rules.

Proposed rule changes are generally discussed at one or two informal study sessions and two or more formal Commission meetings. Study Sessions and Commission meetings are open to the public. You are invited to attend to share your comments on proposed rule changes.

- Formal Commission meetings are usually held the second Thursday and Friday of each month (meetings are not held in June and December). Please check our website as meeting dates get closer, as meetings are sometimes changed to a one-day meeting.
- Study Sessions are typically held 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursday mornings before Commission meetings. Study Sessions are informal meetings that provide an opportunity for you to meet with staff and discuss current issues, proposed rule changes, enforcement questions, and legislative bills.

Proposed changes are discussed at Study Sessions (first month), before they are Up for Filing by the Gambling Commissioners at a formal Commission meeting.

The following month (second month), proposed rule changes are Up for Filing at a Commission meeting and are generally filed for discussion.

The following month (third month), proposed rule changes are discussed at Study Session again.

At the following Commission meeting (fourth month), the rule is Up for Final Action and the Commission will decide whether to adopt the change or not.

Any additional comments from staff and the public can be discussed at this meeting. If additional time is needed to determine Final Action, the Commission, staff, a petitioner, or the public can request the rules be held over to the next meeting.

Send Us Your Comments:

If you are unable to attend a meeting and would like to comment on a proposed rule change, please send your comments to:

Washington State
Gambling Commission
Attention: Rules Coordinator
P.O. Box 42400,
Olympia, WA 98504
E-mail: RulesTeam@wsgc.wa.gov

For detailed information about rule changes under discussion at each Commission meeting, visit our website at www.wsgc.wa.gov and select [Public Meetings](#).

Meeting agendas and detailed information are posted about ten days before each meeting.

On the Public Meeting webpage, you can [sign-up](#) to have meeting agendas e-mailed to you as soon as they are available.



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Sports Wagering Continued

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- Each player picks a square and their name is written in the square.
- Numbers representing game scores are randomly assigned to each square.

You should develop and post house rules for how the sports pool board will be operated. For example, a deadline for collecting prize money, winner identification, requirements for someone other than a winner collecting a prize, what will happen if there is a tie, and how money will be distributed if a winning square is not sold.

The sports pool board must be available for inspection by anyone purchasing a square, Gambling Commission agents, and other law enforcement representatives.

These limitations apply to all sporting events equally (Super Bowl, Final Four, etc.).

It is illegal to have a sports pool board where you:

- Have more than one board per athletic event;
- Offer anything other than 100 squares; or
- Charge more than one dollar per square.

The 100 square sports pool board is the only sports wagering authorized in Washington State law.



NOVAS - Notice of Violation and Settlement

The Notice of Violation and Settlement (NOVAS) is a way to resolve some gambling rule violations without going through the full administrative process. A NOVAS is issued directly by a gambling field agent to a licensee at the time of the violation. The written notice outlines the violation and how to correct it. Fines range between \$200 and \$500.

If a licensee does not correct the violation and pay the fine within 15 days, we will take administrative action against their gambling license.

Following are NOVAS Issued During April - September 2012

House-Banked Card Rooms		Card Rooms Employees	
Allowed a minor to gamble		Violated rules regarding maximum wagering limits	
Lucky Bridge Casino	Kennewick	Thonyrose Tibi	Macau Casino, Lakewood
Failed to properly delete prizes from the Punch Board/Pull-Tab flare		Viengkhone Thavixay	Macau Casino, Lakewood
Wild Goose Casino	Ellensburg	Yianching Saelee	Macau Casino, Lakewood
Failed to evaluate dealers		Worked with an expired license	
Classic Island Casino	Kennewick	Korina Zamudio	Buzz Inn Steakhouse, East Wenatchee
Allowed a Card Room Employee to work without a current license		Patrick Jutz	Lucky Bridge Casino, Kennewick
Buzz Inn Steakhouse	East Wenatchee	Failed to follow internal controls	
Lucky Bridge Casino	Kennewick	Falemalama Olo	Silver Dollar Casino, SeaTac
Continued to operate the Player-Supported Jackpot when prize funds were not available			
Wildcard Casino	East Wenatchee		

Underage Gambling Inspections Continued

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A 2006 Public Opinion Survey conducted by the Commission reinforced the need for underage gambling checks. Of those surveyed, 44% said they were “very concerned” about underage gambling and 25% were “somewhat concerned.”

We conducted a second Public Opinion Survey in 2012. Of those surveyed, 35% were “very concerned” about underage gambling and 36% were “somewhat concerned.”

Gambling laws and rules (RCW 9.46.228 and WAC 230-06-010) prohibit anyone under age 18 from playing punchboards, pull-tabs, card games, or fund-raising activities.

Underage gambling is a civil infraction and the penalty includes a fine of up to \$125, up to four hours of community restitution, and court costs. The minor would also forfeit any winnings.

If you’re caught allowing minors to gamble, the fine for the first violation is \$300 for businesses and \$200 for individuals (such as dealers). A second violation, within a year, will result in administrative charges to suspend your gambling license.

Please know the law and your responsibilities for checking identification before allowing someone to gamble. Contact your local field agent if you have questions (see back page for contact information).

Administrative Case Update

A Statement of Administrative Charges was issued to the following licensees:

Name	Violation	Case Outcome
Melissa K. Nelson, of Seattle, Card Room Employee (CRE) (formerly employed by Macau Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal History. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The licensee did not appear at the hearing, and the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued an Initial Order revoking Ms. Nelson's license.
Damany S. Degrant, of Everett, Class III Employee (employed by the Tulalip Tribes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal History. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ALJ issued an Initial Order and did not revoke Mr. Degrant's Class III certification, which staff had requested.
Ry Khim, of Marysville, CRE, (employed by Golden Nugget Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal History. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The licensee requested a hearing, which was held August 14, 2012. The ALJ revoked Mr. Khim's license.
Jacob C. Shepherd, of Oak Harbor, CRE, (employed by Element Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal History. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The licensee requested a hearing. Prior to the hearing, the licensee agreed to a ten-day suspension, with three days deferred. The licensee also served a seven-day suspension.
Erin A. Combs, of Kennewick, CRE, (employed by Coyote Bob's Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal History. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The licensee failed to respond to the charges, and the Commissioners entered a default order revoking Ms. Comb's license.
Derreck M. Ramirez, of Mount Vernon, Class III Employee, (employed by the Upper Skagit Tribe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal History. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Class III Employee requested a hearing. Prior to the hearing, Mr. Ramirez agreed to surrender his Class III certification.
Douglas E. Murphy, of Kirkland, Class III Employee (formerly employed by the Snoqualmie Tribe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal History. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The licensee did not respond to the charges, and the Commissioners entered a default order revoking Mr. Murphy's Class III certification.
Fabian M. Green, of Tukwila, CRE (employed by the Golden Nugget and formerly employed by Cactus Jack's)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theft – Wrote Unauthorized Checks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ALJ issued an Initial Order and did not revoke the license, which staff had requested.
Sannarith J. Sean, of Auburn, CRE (formerly employed by Lucky Dragonz Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theft. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The licensee failed to respond to the charges, and the Commissioners entered a default order revoking Mr. Sean's license.
Edward D. Muri, of Tacoma, CRE, (formerly employed by the Silver Dollar Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theft. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The licensee failed to respond to the charges, and the Commissioners entered a default order revoking Mr. Muri's license.
John T. Cavitt, of Burlington, Class III Employee, (formerly employed by the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theft. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Class III Employee failed to respond to the charges, and the Commissioners entered a default order revoking Mr. Cavitt's Class III certification.

Administrative Case Update

A Statement of Administrative Charges was issued to the following licensees:

Name	Violation	Case Outcome
Soname Tshering, of Seattle, CRE, (formerly employed by Silver Dollar Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theft. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The licensee failed to respond to the charges, and the Commissioners entered a default order revoking Mr. Tshering's license.
Qiang Li, of Everett, CRE, (employed by Drift on Inn)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wrote checks with non-sufficient funds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The licensee requested a hearing. Prior to the hearing, the licensee agreed to a seven-day suspension of his license.
Melissa Curry, of Tacoma, CRE (formerly employed by Great American Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fines, Fees and Failures to Appear. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ALJ issued an Initial Order revoking Ms. Curry's license.
Scott Peterson, of Everett, CRE, (employed by Great American Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fines & Fees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The licensee requested a hearing, which was held August 15, 2012. The licensee did not appear at the hearing. The ALJ revoked Mr. Peterson's license.
Austin Moses, of Fife, Class III Employee, (employed by the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fines, Fees and Failures to Appear. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ALJ issued an Initial Order revoking Mr. Moses' Class III Employee Certification. The Class III employee filed a Petition for Review, and made a substantial payment towards his court-ordered fines and fees. The Commission affirmed the ALJ's Initial Order, but deferred the revocation for one year. The Class III employee was ordered to enter into a payment program and pay all court-ordered costs and fees. The Commission suspended his Class III certification for seven days, and he resumed working after that. In early 2012, the Class III employee was not current on payments; therefore, staff filed a motion to Revoke the Deferred License Revocation. Prior to the hearing, the Class III employee made an \$800 payment. The Commission denied the Motion to Revoke the Deferral and required Commission staff to report back on his payment progress. Several months later, staff reported that the Class III employee had paid all his fines and fees. The Class III employee's certification was not revoked, and the case is now closed.

OUR MISSION:

PROTECT THE PUBLIC BY ENSURING THAT GAMBLING IS LEGAL AND HONEST.

CALL A GAMBLING FIELD AGENT CLOSEST TO YOU FOR REGULATORY OR OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS:	
EVERETT	(425) 304-6300
KENNEWICK	(509) 734-7465
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Washington State Gambling Commission 2013 Meeting Schedule

February 14 & 15	Comfort Inn Conference Center 1620 74th Avenue SW Tumwater, WA 98501 (360) 352-0691
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May 9 & 10	Grand Mound Great Wolf Lodge 20500 Old Highway 99 SW Grand Mound, WA 98531 (360) 273-7718
June 2013	NO MEETING
July 11 & 12	Bellevue Red Lion 11211 Main Street Bellevue, WA 98004 – (425) 455-5240
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October 10 & 11	Spokane Davenport Hotel (<i>tentative</i>) 10 South Post Street Spokane, WA 99201 – (509) 455-8888
November 14 & 15	Comfort Inn Conference Center (<i>tentative</i>) 1620 74th Avenue SW Tumwater, WA 98501 – (360) 352-0691
December 2013	NO MEETING

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