

# CARD ROOM CONNECTION

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WASHINGTON STATE GAMBLING COMMISSION  
FOR CARD ROOM OPERATORS AND CARD ROOM EMPLOYEES

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## Meet our New Commissioner



Kelsey Gray has been appointed as a Gambling Commissioner by Governor Gregoire and attended her first Commission meeting in February 2012. Her term runs through June 30, 2017.

Commissioner Gray has a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership, a Master of

Science in Urban Planning, and a BA in Political Science, and is a Certified Financial Manager.

She works for the William D. Ruckelshaus Center, a neutral policy consensus center operated by Washington State University and the University of Washington.

In addition, Commissioner Gray is a managing partner in an organization development firm working with profit and nonprofit organizations in addition to local, state, and federal governments, and has worked with law enforcement organizations around the country. Commissioner Gray views gambling as a major factor impacting the quality of life in our state.

## Read This Before You Buy a New DVR

By: Special Agent Brian Lane

Before purchasing a new digital video recorder (DVR) or digital network video recorder (NVR), you should review all digital surveillance rules and our new digital surveillance brochure to help determine whether or not the equipment is capable of meeting all digital surveillance requirements.

Our Digital Surveillance Workgroup created a brochure to help card room operators and employees, and gambling service suppliers who work with digital surveillance systems better understand requirements for installing and reviewing new digital surveillance systems.

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## Activity Reporting Available Online

By: Cameron Baker, Financial Reporting Services

We are happy to announce online activity reporting is now available on our website for all licensees. Card room licensees are invited to try it!

In June 2012, we mailed paper activity reports to licensees for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters of 2012.

That mailing included a letter with instructions to help those of you with Internet access to locate and use online reporting.

Licensees that have used online reporting like it and tell us they look forward to using it for future activity reports.

If you have questions, your local field agent is familiar with online reporting and can help you (see back page for contact information) or you may contact:

- Cameron Baker at [Cameron.Baker@wsgc.wa.gov](mailto:Cameron.Baker@wsgc.wa.gov) or (360) 486-3476
- Ken DeKay at [Ken.DeKay@wsgc.wa.gov](mailto:Ken.DeKay@wsgc.wa.gov) or (360) 486-3477

## Aggregate Limits For Multiple Odds-Based Wagers

By: Jeannette Sugai, Tacoma Field Office

Many house-banked card rooms offer games with multiple odds-based wagers. WAC 230-15-490 allows card room operators to place limits on individual and/or the table payouts and explains how to calculate limits on odds-based wagers.

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## Read This Before You Buy a New DVR Continued

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The brochure covers some basic system security requirements; For example:

- Digital surveillance files must be stored in a digital file format on a hard drive that can be easily accessed, manipulated, copied, and transported outside of the surveillance room;
- System operators must maintain tight security protocols to prevent possible corruption and/or loss of original recorded data. To help accomplish this, you must appoint a system administrator responsible for the overall maintenance and security of the digital closed circuit television system (CCTV) system. A CCTV is a closed system which means the live signals are not publicly distributed or accessible (no wireless or Internet viewing); and
- Each surveillance observer must have a unique login password with restricted access to system functions.

Other requirements are also outlined in the brochure. For example:

- Maintaining original file formats that can be verified;
- Recording and displaying dates and times; and
- Minimum speed (frames per second) and resolution for recording and displaying images.

Remember, we don't pre-approve digital surveillance systems. Each system is approved based on each facility's installation.

Please contact your local gambling agent to discuss questions concerning digital surveillance.

The new Digital Surveillance brochure is posted on our website under Publications/Brochures.

## Aggregate Limits For Multiple Odds-Based Wagers Continued

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**Question:** Does the Gambling Commission require a separate player limit or table aggregate for each type of odds-based wager?

**Answer:** Yes, the limits referenced in WAC 230-15-490 are for each odds based wager. If the game has multiple odds-based wagers, *each* odds-based wager would have its own prize limit.

For example, Six Card Poker has two odds-based wagers: Aces Up and the Bad Beat. If you want to limit the prize payout, you need to establish an individual player limit and table aggregate for each odds-based wager, such as:

### **Aces Up**

Individual player limit: \$5,000

Table aggregate: \$10,000

### **Bad Beat**

Individual player limit: \$5,000

Table aggregate: \$10,000

For questions, contact your local gambling agent.



## 2012 Legislative Summary

The 2012 legislature adjourned the regular “short” 60-day session on March 8 and reconvened on March 12 for a “special session.” The focus of the special session was primarily on passing the state budget.

### The following four bills passed and became effective June 8, 2012:

- **Master Business Licensing Services**

SB 6046 (Prime Sponsor: Senator Prentice)

The Gambling Commission requested a legislative change this year, to allow the Commission to issue licenses for up to 18 months, instead of 12 months, so we can further explore using Business Licensing Services (BLS), a program administered through the Department of Revenue. All state and local government licenses issued through BLS have the same expiration date and use one renewal application. This makes tracking license expiration dates and renewing licenses easier for business owners. If the Commission finds using BLS is feasible, over 3,600 gambling licensees could use the system. Look for updates about BLS in future newsletters.

- **Raffles**

SB 6465 (Prime Sponsor: Senator Holmquist-Newbry)

This new law deals with “members only” raffles.

Currently, charitable/nonprofit organizations can conduct unlicensed “members only” raffles, where liquor can be given away as a prize. Unlicensed raffles cannot exceed \$5,000 in yearly gross revenues. This law allows “members only” raffles to exceed \$5,000 if the organization obtains a raffle license.

- **Filing Business Forms Electronically**

SB 6354 (Prime Sponsor: Senator Rolfes)

This law requires that state agencies that require a business to complete a document, form, or payment of fee in paper format provide the business with an option to complete such materials electronically. The director or the director’s designee may exempt a document if there is a legal requirement for materials to be completed in paper format or it is not feasible for the materials to be completed electronically.

- **State Agencies Working with Tribal Governments**

SB 6175 (Prime Sponsor: Senator Pridemore)

This new law requires agencies to make reasonable efforts to collaborate with Indian Tribes in the development of policies, agreements, and program implementation that directly affect Indian Tribes and develop a consultation process. It also requires agencies to designate a tribal liaison and ensure the Director and tribal liaison receive certain training. Last, it requires agencies to make an annual report to the Governor on their activities. The law codifies practices the Gambling Commission has had for several years. The Commissioners voted to support the bill at their January meeting.

### Other Bills:

The following bills to allow machine gaming and consolidating the Gambling Commission and other agencies died. None of these bills were scheduled for a hearing.

- **HB 2686** (Prime Sponsor: Representative Alexander, ex officio member of the Commission) - Consolidating the Gambling Commission, Horse Racing Commission, Lottery Commission, and Liquor Control Board.
- **SB 6554** (Prime Sponsor: Senator Kastama) - Consolidating the Liquor Control Board into the Gambling Commission.
- **HB 2786** (Prime Sponsor: Representative Alexander, ex officio member of the Commission)/**SB 6601** (Prime Sponsor: Senator Delvin, ex officio member of the Commission) - Concerning the authorization and regulation of electronic scratch ticket machines for house-banked card room establishments and providing funding for education, health and human services, and public safety. (Introduced in the 2012 session).
- **HB 2044** (Prime Sponsor: Representative Taylor)/**SB 5918** (Prime Sponsor: Senator Delvin, ex officio member of the Commission) - Concerning equity and fairness through the creation and regulation of electronic scratch ticket machines for nontribal gambling establishments. (Introduced in the 2011 session).

The four machine bills are very similar and would have allowed house-banked card rooms (HBCR) to operate the same machines the Tribes have. The bills would have authorized HBCR operating at least five card games to operate a total of 7,875 machines (no more than 200 machines per HBCR).

If you'd like to read more about these bills, they are easy to access on the legislative home page at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo> just put in the 4 digit number.

If you have questions, please contact Amy B. Hunter, Legislative Liaison, at (360) 486-3463 or by e-mail at [Amy.Hunter@wsgc.wa.gov](mailto:Amy.Hunter@wsgc.wa.gov).

## Is Counterfeit Currency Showing Up in Washington?

By: Special Agent Travis Vessey

The short answer is yes. Counterfeiting currency in the United States has been going on since the very beginning of the nation. Today modern counterfeiters are still having some success in the U.S. It is much faster and easier for counterfeiters to mass produce illegal currency today due to advanced technology. Nearly all counterfeit currency today uses some form of photochemical technology.

In 2010, we began taking a closer look at the flow of counterfeit currency into Tribal casinos, house-banked card rooms, and other licensed gambling facilities.

Gambling agents continue to distribute training material on the detection of counterfeit currency to Tribal casinos and house-banked card .

Over the last thirty years, counterfeit technology has evolved from the traditional offset printing press to color copy machines and now to the most modern day equipment, such as scanners, computers, and high quality inkjet printers.



The computer-generated counterfeiting industry has taken off because the equipment is readily available and the process can be performed by someone with a limited technological background.

Despite the use of modern technology, counterfeit currency is still detectable to the trained eye.

Today's counterfeit bills often appear with blurred resolution and can seem muddy and lifeless when compared to the crisp, precise, printing of genuine U.S. currency.

Counterfeiters also have yet to reproduce a convincing reproduction of the paper used for genuine currency. Counterfeit bills will often feel stiff and rigid compared to the softer paper used by the Federal Reserve. Some counterfeiters have found a way around this however, by bleaching genuine \$1 bills and reprinting them as counterfeit \$100 bank notes. A number of newer security features have been added to U.S. currency in recent years to make it harder to reproduce.

The most notable security features are the watermark portraits and authenticity strips that can only be seen when the bills are held up to a light. There are also specialized serial numbers and embedded blue and red fibers in modern currency that are difficult for counterfeiters to reproduce.

The United States Secret Service (USSS) is the primary investigative agency with the mission to safeguard payment and financial systems of the U.S., as well as enforcing the counterfeit statutes to preserve the integrity of U.S. currency, coin, and financial obligations.

The best practices for handling counterfeit currency is the Counterfeit Note Reporting (CNR) procedures.

If you have a suspect(s) with numerous bills on them when detained, the USSS would likely respond and interview the suspect(s) as this could indicate someone is close to the printer located where the counterfeit currency is coming from. Single bills will most likely be handled by local law enforcement.

Additional Resources:

- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Counterfeiting>
- <http://www.secretservice.gov/>

### Gambling Rules and Laws

You can find gambling rules and law on the Internet two different ways:

- Visit our website and select the *Rules and Laws* tab; or
- Access rules and laws without going to our website at:

**Rules:**

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=230>

**Laws:**

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=9.46>

IF YOU  
OR SOMEONE  
YOU KNOW HAS A  
**GAMBLING PROBLEM**  
HELP IS AVAILABLE

**1-800-547-6133**

## Petition from the Public Placed On Hold by the Commissioners

**Connecting “Envy” and “Share the Wealth” “Bonus Features” at House-Banked Card Rooms**  
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 a rule change 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 (see below). The petitioners submitted a new petition which was filed for discussion at the April 2012 Commission meeting. The equipment the petitioners intend to use to facilitate their requested rule change will be tested by the Commission’s Electronic Gambling Lab to determine if it functions according to the proposed rules or if additional rule revisions are necessary. After this, the proposed rule change will be Up for Final Action.

## Petition from the Public Denied by the Commissioners

**Rockland Ridge and Galaxy Gaming  
Connecting “Envy” and “Share the Wealth” “Bonus Features” at a House-Banked Card Room**

A petition for rule change from Rockland Ridge, a licensed gambling service supplier, and Galaxy Gaming, a licensed manufacturer, requesting to connect “envy” and “share the wealth” “bonus features” between different card games and different tables within a house-banked card room was filed for discussion in November 2011 and discussed further in January 2012. At their February 2012 meeting, the Commissioners denied the petition due to regulatory and policy concerns. The petitioners submitted a revised, but similar petition, which is currently on hold (see above).

## We Want to Hear From You!

All rule changes must be approved by the 5-person board of Gambling Commissioners. The Commissioners find it very helpful to know if you support or oppose a proposed rule change when they are deciding whether to adopt a rule change or not.

There are several ways you can comment:

- Attend a public meeting (see page 6 for schedule)
- E-mail: [Ask.Us@wsgc.wa.gov](mailto:Ask.Us@wsgc.wa.gov)
- Mail: Washington State Gambling Commission  
Attention: Rules Coordinator  
P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504

## Petition from the Public Up for Possible Filing August 2012

**Petition from the Public  
Texas Hold’em Wager Increase**  
WAC 230-15-135 Wager limits for nonhouse-banked card games.  
WAC 230-15-189 Repealer of house-banked and Class F card game licensee pilot program on wagering limits for Texas Hold’em poker.

The Recreational Gaming Association is requesting a rule change to increase Texas Hold’em wager limits from \$40 to \$100. This proposal comes after an 18 month pilot study which increased wager limits from \$40 to \$100 for Texas Hold’em poker. The pilot program began October 2010 and ended May 2012; however, the higher limits are in place until December 31, 2012, or until the Commission takes action (WAC 230-15-189).

The pilot study was used to:

- Test the regulatory and economic impacts of higher wager limits; and
- Help determine whether there was a demand for higher wagering limits for the game of Texas Hold’em poker.

Because the pilot study is over, the petition also includes a repealer for WAC 230-15-189.

## Staff Proposed Rule Change Up for Possible Filing September 2012

**Accessing Criminal History in Your License File**  
New rules outlining how licensees and applicants can access criminal history record information in their gambling license file is needed to comply with RCW 10.97 and a new law that passed during the 2012 Session (ESB 6296).

For details about proposed rule changes, visit our website and select Public Meetings, then select the month the proposal is under review.

About ten days before each meeting, we post a meeting agenda, details about proposed rule changes, and a list of new licenses up for approval.

While you’re on our website, Subscribe to get an e-mail notification from us after the rule information is posted. This way you don’t have to keep checking back to see when it is posted.

## Petition from the Public Recently Adopted Rule Change

### Carryover Pots for House-Banked Card Games

Effective August 13, 2012

Administration Order 678

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

Currently, a player's wins or losses must be determined during a single card game and pots cannot be carried over. A rule change was adopted at the July 2012 Commission meeting to allow house-banked card game pots to be carried over for up to ten games. This rule change was requested by Shuffle Master, a licensed manufacturer.

## Washington State Gambling Commission 2012 Commission Meeting Schedule

### August 9 & 10

Vancouver Heathman Lodge  
7801 NE Greenwood Drive  
Vancouver, WA 98662 - (360) 254-3100

### September 13 & 14

Grand Mound Great Wolf Lodge  
20500 Old Highway 99 SW  
Grand Mound, WA 98531 - (360) 273-7718

### October 11 & 12

Yakima – Clarion Hotel  
1507 North First Street  
Yakima, WA 98901 - (509)248-7850

### November 15 & 16

Olympia Area - To Be Determined

December - No Meeting

## Follow us on Twitter @ *WAGambling*

Here are a few examples of things we tweet:

- New editions of our licensee newsletters
- Rule-Making Notices
- New equipment approvals
- Problem gambling training
- Notice of Commission meetings



What Tweets would you find useful and interesting?

## House-Banked Card Rooms Successfully Passed Underage Gambling Inspections October, November and December 2011 & January, February and March 2012

All Star Casino	Silverdale
Blue Mountain Casino	Walla Walla
Buzz Inn Steakhouse	East Wenatchee
Cadillac Island Casino	Longview
Caribbean Casino	Kirkland
Chaplin and Friends Bar and Grill	Spokane
Chip's Casino	Bremerton
Chip's Casino	La Center
Classic Island Casino	Kennewick
Coyote Bob's Casino	Kennewick
Crazy Moose Casino	Pasco
Freddie's of Fife	Fife
Great American Casino	Kent
Great American Casino	Lakewood
Iron Horse Casino	Auburn
Joker's Casino Sports Bar and Fiesta	Richland
Last Frontier	La Center
Macau Casino	Lakewood
Maverick's Casino and Saloon	Cle Elum
Nob Hill Casino	Yakima
Palace Casino	Lakewood
Parkers	Shoreline
Roxy's	Seattle
Silver Dollar Casino	Renton (2 inspections)
Silver Dollar Casino	Seatac
Slo Pitch	Bellingham
The Palace Casino	La Center
Wild Goose Casino	Ellensburg
Z's Restaurant at Zeppoz	Pullman

## 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 October, November and December 2011 & January, February and March 2012

House-Banked Card Rooms		Card Rooms Employees	
<b>Allowing a minor to gamble</b>		<b>Allowing a minor to gamble</b>	
Aces Casino	Arlington	Lane Collins	Wildcard Sports Bar and Grill/ Kegler's Casino, East Wenatchee
Royal Casino	Everett	Miguel Cervantes	Casino Caribbean, Yakima
Wildcard Sports Bar and Grill/Kegler's Casino	East Wenatchee	Jarad Robinson	Aces Casino, Arlington
Casino Caribbean	Yakima		
<b>Misusing player-supported jackpot funds</b>		<b>Working without a valid card room employee license</b>	
Wild Goose Casino	Ellensburg	Alycia Williams	Buzz Inn Steakhouse, East Wenatchee
		Jacob Gefre	Casino Caribbean, Yakima
<b>Operating without a general manager</b>		<b>Exceeding wagering limits</b>	
Classic Island Casino	Kennewick	Arinetta McGarvey	Lilac Lanes Casino, Spokane
<b>Operating a card game owned by an unlicensed manufacturer</b>		<b>False entry on a card room employee renewal application</b>	
Joker's Casino	Richland	Guang Pan	Casino Caribbean, Kirkland and Great American Casino, Tukwila
<b>House-banked card game operational violation</b>			
Roman Casino	Seattle		
Roman Casino (2nd violation)	Seattle		
<b>Allowing a card room employee to work without a</b>		<b>Correction:</b>	
Great American Casino	Kent	In the December 2011 edition of the Card Room Connection, the Owl Club of Spokane Valley was incorrectly listed as receiving a NOVAS for allowing an unlicensed person to work.	
<b>Failing to follow internal controls for player- supported jackpots</b>		The Owl Club did not commit this violation. This was an inadvertent error on our part.	
Lilac Lanes Casino	Spokane	We apologize to the Owl Club for this.	

# Administrative Case Update

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

Name	Violation	Case Outcome
Julio Alberto, of Federal Way, Class III employee, (formerly employed by the Muckleshoot Tribe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fraudulent Comps.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Class III employee requested a hearing.</li> <li>• Prior to hearing, Mr. Alberto surrendered his certification.</li> </ul>
Chaplin & Friends Bar & Grill, d/b/a Aces Sports Bar and Casino, Spokane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underage Gambling.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The licensee requested a hearing.</li> <li>• Prior to hearing, the licensee agreed to a five-day suspension, with four days deferred for one year, and one day served.</li> </ul>
Drift on Inn Roadhouse Casino, Shoreline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undisclosed loans and internal control violations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The licensee requested a hearing.</li> <li>• Prior to hearing, the licensee agreed to surrender its licenses.</li> </ul>
Jaymee M. Mitchell, of Renton, Card Room Employee (CRE), (formerly employed by Red Dragon Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criminal History.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The licensee requested a hearing.</li> <li>• An administrative hearing was scheduled for December 21, 2011.</li> <li>• Prior to the hearing, Ms. Mitchell surrendered her license.</li> </ul>
Dustin Hamilton, of Kennewick, CRE, (formerly employed by the Crazy Moose Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pending Criminal History.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The licensee requested a stay hearing and an administrative hearing.</li> <li>• The stay hearing was held October 11, 2011; the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) denied the request of stay.</li> <li>• An administrative hearing was held November 21, 2011.</li> <li>• On December 6, 2011, the ALJ issued an Initial Order revoking Mr. Hamilton's license.</li> </ul>
Ha T. Nguyen, of Seattle, CRE, (formerly employed by Wizards Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension of credit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The licensee failed to respond to the charges.</li> <li>• The Commissioners entered a Default Order revoking his license.</li> </ul>
Jenny B. Lang, of Kent, CRE, (formerly employed by Wizards Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pending Criminal Charges.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The licensee requested a hearing.</li> <li>• Prior to the hearing, the licensee agreed to surrender her license.</li> </ul>
Troy O. Swinton, of Lynnwood, Class III employee, (formerly employed by the Tulalip Tribe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theft.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Class III employee failed to timely request a hearing.</li> <li>• The Commissioners entered a Default Order revoking his certification.</li> </ul>
Lakes Moose Lodge (LOOM #1865), Lakewood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criminal History of a Substantial Interest Holder.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The licensee requested a hearing.</li> <li>• Prior to hearing, the licensee agreed to a 10-day suspension, with three days deferred, and seven days served and the substantial interest holder removed himself from the organization.</li> </ul>

## Administrative Case Update

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

Name	Violation	Case Outcome
Parker's Sports Bar & Casino, Shoreline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Failure to Pay State and Federal Taxes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The licensee requested a hearing.</li> <li>• An administrative hearing was held January 10, 2012.</li> <li>• A hearing to reopen the record was scheduled for April 24, 2012.</li> <li>• Prior to the hearing to reopen the record, the licensee agreed to surrender its licenses.</li> </ul>
Shantai Martinez, of Zillah, Class III employee, (formerly employed by Yakama Nation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pending Criminal Charges.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Class III Employee failed to timely request a hearing.</li> <li>• The Commissioners entered a Default Order revoking her certification.</li> </ul>
Prospector's Steak & Ale, Gold Bar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Late Quarterly Activity Reports.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The licensee failed to timely request a hearing.</li> <li>• The Commissioners entered a Default Order revoking the licenses.</li> <li>• The licensee filed a Motion to Vacate the Default Order.</li> <li>• The Commission denied the Motion to Vacate and revoked the licenses.</li> </ul>
Fraternal Order of Eagles #02327, Monroe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Failure to Supervise Gambling Manager.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The licensee requested a hearing.</li> <li>• Prior to a hearing, the licensee agreed to a five-day suspension, with one day deferred, and four days vacated by a fine and costs totaling \$1,294.</li> </ul>
Splits, Kelso	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Late Quarterly Activity Reports</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The licensee failed to timely request a hearing.</li> <li>• The Commissioners entered a Default Order for a 30-day suspension.</li> </ul>
Vanna Tiv, of Burien, CRE, (formerly employed by Magic Lanes Restaurant and Roxy's Bar & Grill)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criminal Charges.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The licensee failed to timely request a hearing.</li> <li>• The Commissioners entered a Default Order revoking her license.</li> </ul>
Xuanhuy K. Vo, of Everett, CRE, (formerly employed by Great American Casino/Everett)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pending Criminal Charges.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The licensee requested a stay hearing and an administrative hearing.</li> <li>• The stay hearing was held February 21, 2012.</li> <li>• Prior to the administrative hearing, an Order for Dismissal was entered for all pending criminal charges against the licensee.</li> <li>• The ALJ issued an Order Dismissing Summary Suspension without Prejudice.</li> </ul>

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

Name	Violation	Case Outcome
William R. Wagner, of Kennewick, CRE, (formerly employed by Coyote Bob's Casino and Crazy Moose Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pending Criminal Charges.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The licensee requested a stay hearing and an administrative hearing.</li> <li>The stay hearing was held September 9, 2011; the ALJ denied the request to stay the Summary Suspension.</li> <li>A prehearing conference was held November 8, 2011.</li> <li>An administrative hearing was scheduled for February 13, 2012.</li> <li>Prior to the hearing, the licensee agreed to surrender his license.</li> </ul>
Roman Casino, Unincorporated King County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progressive Jackpot Violations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The licensee requested a hearing.</li> <li>The licensee agreed to a ten-day suspension, with nine days deferred for one year, and one day vacated by payment of fines and costs totaling \$10,846.</li> </ul>
Arik Goldsmit, of Vancouver, CRE, (formerly employed by Cadillac Island Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theft.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The licensee requested a hearing.</li> <li>Prior to the hearing, the licensee agreed to surrender his license.</li> </ul>
Christopher M. Hammond, of Richland, CRE, (formerly employed by Crazy Moose Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unpaid Fines &amp; Fees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The licensee failed to respond to the charges.</li> <li>The Commissioners entered a Default Order revoking his license.</li> </ul>
Parker's Sports Bar & Casino, Shoreline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal Control Violations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The licensee requested a hearing.</li> <li>Prior to hearing, the licensee agreed to surrender its licenses.</li> </ul>
Hi Lo Country Bar & Grill, Concrete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Late Quarterly Activity Reports.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The licensee requested a hearing.</li> <li>Prior to the hearing, the licensee agreed to surrender its license.</li> </ul>
Parker's Sports Bar & Casino, Shoreline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operating Without a License.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Summary Suspension was served on April 12, 2012.</li> <li>The licensee requested a stay hearing, which was scheduled for April 19, 2012.</li> <li>In lieu of the stay hearing, the licensee agreed to surrender its licenses.</li> </ul>
Paul V. Botting, Burlington, Card Room Employee (CRE), (formerly employed by Palace Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pending Criminal Charges.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The licensee requested a hearing.</li> <li>An administrative hearing was held April 25, 2012.</li> <li>Prior to the hearing, the licensee agreed to surrender his license.</li> </ul>

## Administrative Case Update

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

Name	Violation	Case Outcome
Petcharat Grobthong, of Auburn, Class III Employee, (formerly with Muckleshoot Casino)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pending Criminal Charges.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Summary Suspension was served on March 5, 2012.</li> <li>The certified employee requested an administrative hearing.</li> <li>The Stay Hearing was held on March 12, 2012.</li> <li>On March 20, 2012, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) denied the request to stay the Summary Suspension.</li> <li>Prior to hearing, the certified employee pleaded guilty to a lesser charge. She agreed to surrender her certification for two months and was given credit for the time her certification was summarily suspended.</li> </ul>

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## Did you Know...

Did you know we are the second oldest gambling regulatory agency in the nation?

Did you know?

- We are responsible for licensing and regulating all authorized social gambling activities in Washington State, except for horse racing and the State Lottery.
- We investigate and control unauthorized and illegal gambling activities.
- We co-regulate Tribal gaming activities pursuant to agreements between the Tribes and State.

We accomplish these responsibilities through statewide regulation and enforcement programs in cooperation with other law enforcement agencies and Tribal authorities.

In 2011, while working to protect the public by ensuring that gambling is legal and honest we launched the following new online processes:

- Automated Clearing House or Online Checks for licensees as an additional online payment option.
- Card Room Employee Renewals.
- Class III Employee Add/Transfer Employer.

In 2011, we also:

- Conducted 4353 inspections of licensed organizations to ensure gambling was operated in accordance with rules and laws.
- Completed 747 investigations, of those 400 were initiated by agency staff and 347 were the result of a complaint from the public. Of those cases 164 involved criminal violations, 583 involved administrative violations and we filed 60 criminal cases with prosecutors.
- Issued 3,535 new licenses and renewed 12,919 licenses.
- Processed 22,007 criminal records checks.
- Discovered disqualifying or criminal history information leading to 330 applications being withdrawn, administratively closed, denied or revoked.

Speaking of disqualifying information and criminal history, have you ever wondered how criminal history affects someone's ability to get a gambling license? If so, click here for Criminal History Frequently Asked Questions, which is posed on our website under Licensing.

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