



Focus on Gambling

Online Activity Reporting Is Available For All Organizations

By: Cameron Baker, Financial Reporting Services

Online activity reporting is now on our website www.wsgc.wa.gov under "Online Services." Licensees that need to report gambling activity, but haven't used the online tool yet, are invited to try it!

In December 2012/January 2013, we will mail and e-mail reminders to licensees to file their activity reports online. To sign into your online account, use the included default password.

We are continually looking for ways to streamline requirements and make operating your business easier. Licensees that have used our new online reporting system like it and tell us they look forward to using it for future activity reports.

Your local field agent is familiar with the new online reporting process and can provide assistance, if needed.

If you have questions or problems with the new online activity reporting, please contact: Cameron Baker at (360) 486-3476, or Ken DeKay at (360) 486-3477.

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- Representative Timm Ormsby

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Gambling Promotions

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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 type 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.

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 rooms 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 rooms pay a fee to operate) only if permission is given by the manufacturer that owns the right 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.

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 disclosure 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? When do I get approval? What is a commitment letter and when is it used?

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.

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

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

Licensees 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.

Ownership changes that must be reported to us within 30 days:

- When a person or organization becomes a substantial interest holder, when they were not a substantial interest holder 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, not for Commission "approval." 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.

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 and 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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Problem Gambling Public Service Announcements

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 January 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.

Visit ECPG's website www.evergreencpg.org, for details as the conference dates get closer.

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 in your company to another individual who is **not** already a substantial interest holder in your company, then your license will become void.
- Your business to another person or entity, your license will become void.

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 buyer's for a gambling license (non-temporary) at a Commission meeting.

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

Ex Officio Delvin Retires



Senator Jerome Delvin, 8th District, has been an Ex Officio Member of the Commission since February 2005.

Four members of the legislature act as ex officio members and only vote to approve or amend Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compacts.

We wish Senator Delvin the best with his new position as a Benton County Commissioner.

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 business, 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 one dollar per square).
- 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.

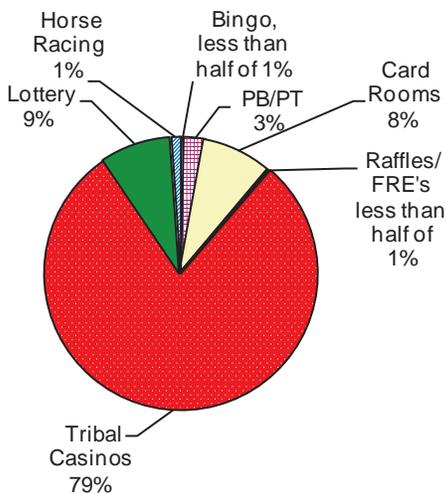
These limitations apply to all sporting events equally (Super Bowl, Final Four, etc.).

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.

2012 Net Gambling Receipts



Bingo	8.8
PB/PT	67.4
Card Rooms	222.2
Raffles/FRE's***	5.1
Tribal Casinos*	2,121.0
Lottery	223.7
Horse Racing**	29.4
Total	\$2.678B

(Dollar amounts = millions M, except where noted for totals in billions B)

* Estimated

** **A**dvance **D**eposit **W**agering began June 2004, as authorized by the Horse Racing Commission. [FY12 includes \$7.9 million retained by outside ADW firms.]

*** FRE = Fund Raising Events

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.

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 and what can be done using on-line processes

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.

Online Services

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

These online services are available on our website:

Class III (Tribal)

- Employee Renewal
- Personnel Termination Notification
- Gambling Employee Renewal Application Reprint

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

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.

Get **FREE** Training

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

Renton 451 SW 10th St.
Plaza 451 Building, Suite 218
Renton, WA 98055
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Tacoma, WA 98409
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Proposed Rule Changes Under Review At the January 2013 Commission Meeting

Up For Final Action

Petition from the Public

Performing Maintenance on Card Game Equipment

New Section: WAC 230-03-201 Gambling equipment connecting to external tools for standard maintenance. Shuffle Master, a licensed manufacturer, is requesting the ability to connect external tools to card shufflers, ace finders and similar card game equipment to conduct standard maintenance, such as reviewing event logs for software errors, installing card libraries and configuring touch screen calibrations. The maintenance would 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 would not be allowed.

Petition from the Public

Numbering Raffle Tickets

WAC 230-11-010 Number tickets consecutively. A volunteer that assists nonprofit organizations is requesting the ability to sell raffle tickets that are not consecutively numbered. The intent of this change is to allow organizations to use up left over theatre style tickets from previous raffles rather than throw them away. Using nonconsecutively numbered tickets would be limited to raffles that take place during the same event at the same location and a raffle ticket distribution log must be maintained.

Petition from the Public

Paying Player-Supported Jackpot Prizes

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

Hawks Prairie Casino, a house-banked card room, is requesting to increase the amount of payout in chips or cash for player-supported jackpot prizes from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

Staff Proposed Rule Change

Backgrounding Spouses

WAC 230-03-065 Spouses must also be qualified.

WAC 230-03-045 Defining substantial interest holder.

This rule change would no longer require spouses of officers of charitable or nonprofit organizations (C/NP), or board members of publicly-traded entities to be backgrounded. Staff has recognized that spouses of board members of publicly-traded licensees and C/NP officers pose little to no regulatory risk. Spouses of C/NP officers have no actual or potential influence over the decision making of the organization. We are not aware of other jurisdictions in the U.S. that require spouses of board members or C/NP officers to undergo background checks.

Up For Discussion and Possible Filing

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:

- Reinstate 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.

Proposed Rule Change Under Review Up For Final Action at the February 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. The rule will be up for final action at the February 2013 Commission meeting.

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 the public and 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 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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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 Commission 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 Commission 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.
- 3 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 impact on the business. 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.

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.

**Licensees Successfully Passing
Underage Gambling Inspections
July, August and September 2012**

House-Banked Card Rooms

Aces Casino	Arlington
Casino Caribbean	Yakima
Chip's Casino	Lakewood
Element	Oak Harbor
Freddie's Casino	Renton
Golden Nugget Casino	Tukwila
Great American Casino	Everett
Great American Casino	Tukwila
Hawk's Prairie Casino	Lacey
Lucky Bridge Casino	Kennewick
Macau Casino	Tukwila
Riverside	Tukwila
Roman Casino	Seattle
Slo Pitch	Bellingham
Wildcard Sports Bar and Grill Casino	East Wenatchee
Wizard's Casino	Burien

Organizations

Meeker Street Bar and Grill	Kent
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**Washington State Gambling Commission
Tentative 2013 Meeting Schedule**

(first six months)

**January 10 & 11
Comfort Inn Conference
Center**
1620 74th Avenue SW
Tumwater, WA 98501
(360) 352-0691



**February 14 & 15
Comfort Inn Conference Center**
1620 74th Avenue SW
Tumwater, WA 98501
(360) 352-0691

**March 14 & 15
Comfort Inn Conference Center**
1620 74th Avenue SW
Tumwater, WA 98501
(360) 352-0691

**April 11 & 12
Comfort Inn Conference Center**
1620 74th Avenue SW
Tumwater, WA 98501
(360) 352-0691

**May 9 & 10
Grand Mound Great Wolf Lodge**
20500 Old Highway 99 SW
Grand Mound, WA 98531
(360) 273-7718

June 2013 NO MEETING

Administrative Case Update

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

Name	Violation	Case Outcome
Benders Sports and Music, Renton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Failed to submit activity reports. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The licensee requested a hearing, which was scheduled for September 18, 2012. Prior to hearing, the licensee agreed to a 15-day suspension with three days deferred for two years, and 12 days served.
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 did not request a hearing and a Default Order revoking Mr. Muri's license was entered at the September 2012 Commission meeting.
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 did not request a hearing and a Default Order revoking Mr. Cavitt's certification was entered at the October 2012 Commission meeting.
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 did not request a hearing and a Default Order revoking Mr. Tshering's license was entered at the October 2012 Commission meeting.
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.
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 Administrative Law Judge revoked Mr. Peterson's license.
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 Administrative Law Judge 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 did not request a hearing and a Default Order revoking Ms. Comb's license was entered at the October 2012 Commission meeting.
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, the licensee agreed to surrender his certification.

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 July, August and September 2012

House-Banked Card Rooms		Organizations (Continued)	
Allowed a Card Room Employee to work without a current license		Failed to timely submit activity report	
Lucky Bridge Casino	Kennewick	48th Street Pub and Grill	Tacoma
Failed to properly delete prizes from the Punch Board/Pull-Tab flare		Blue Moon Lounge	Everett
Wild Goose Casino	Ellensburg	Brown Shack Tavern	Salkum
Continued to operate the Player Supported Jackpot when prize funds were not available		FOE 2609	Bothell
Wildcard Casino	East Wenatchee	FOE 4149	Sultan
Card Rooms Employees		Horseshoe Saloon	Woodinville
Failed to follow internal controls		Kathy's Pizza Grill	Seattle
Falemalama Olo	Silver Dollar Casino, SeaTac	Lantz's Northwest Passage	Aberdeen
Worked with an expired license		LOOM 1905	Yelm
Patrick Jutz	Lucky Bridge Casino, Kennewick	Ming's Restaurant Lounge	Vancouver
Violated rules regarding maximum wagering limits		Montlake Community School PTA	Seattle
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Viengkhone Thavixay	Macau Casino, Lakewood	Old Village Pub	Lynnwood
Yianching Saelee	Macau Casino, Lakewood	Pee Wee Tavern	Tacoma
Organizations		Pheasants Forever/Chapter 257	Tacoma
Failed to use gambling proceeds for the stated purpose of the organization		Pine Tree	Westport
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Failed to properly delete prizes from the Punch Board/Pull-Tab flare		Sea Hag Bar and Grill	Illwaco
Backstage Bar and Grill	Tacoma	Sunset Café	Cle Elum
Buzz Inn Steakhouse	Everett	The Oregon Way	Longview
Fuller O'Riley's Irish Pub	Lake Stevens	Thurston County United States Bowling Congress	Olympia
Hawkeye's	Lake Stevens	Video King	Omaha, Nebraska
		Allowed a minor to gamble	
		Frankie's Sports Bar	Olympia
		Roadhouse	Puyallup

AMENDATORY SECTION

WAC 230-15-135 Wagering limits for nonhouse-banked card games. Card room licensees must not exceed these wagering limits:

- (1) **Poker** -
 - (a) There must be no more than five betting rounds in any one game; and
 - (b) There must be no more than four wagers in any betting round, for example, the initial wager plus three raises; and
 - (c) The maximum amount of a single wager must not exceed forty dollars; however, class F and house-banked card game licensees may offer a single wager not to exceed one hundred dollars for the game of Texas Hold'em;
- (2) **Games based on achieving a specific number of points**- Each point must not exceed five cents in value;
- (3) **Ante**- No more than the maximum wager allowed for the first betting round for any game, except for Panguingue (Pan). The ante may, by house rule:
 - (a) Be made by one or more players, but the total ante may not exceed the maximum wager allowed for the first betting round; and
 - (b) Be used as part of a player's wager;
- (4) **Panguingue (Pan)**- The maximum value of a chip must not exceed ten dollars. An ante must not exceed one chip. We prohibit doubling of conditions. Players going out may collect no more than two additional chips for going out from each participating player.

REPEALED SECTION

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 230-15-189 House-banked and Class F card game licensee pilot program on wagering limits for Texas Hold'em poker.

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AMENDATORY SECTION

WAC 230-21-001 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to ensure the Washington state gambling commission complies with the Public Records Act, chapter 42.56 RCW and the Criminal Records Privacy Act, chapter 10.97 RCW.

NEW SECTION

WAC 230-21-030 Inspecting your criminal history record information. You may inspect your criminal history record information (CHRI) held by us at our administrative office, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays. You must request your CHRI in writing on the form we require. CHRI is defined in RCW 10.97.030.

- (1) Before reviewing or obtaining copies of your CHRI, you must provide at least two forms of identification, one of which includes your photograph, such as your state issued identification, state issued driver license, or passport. Alternatively, you must provide fingerprints that will be taken at our administrative office and will be used for verification purposes.
- (2) We will charge a reasonable fee for fingerprinting and providing a copy of your CHRI.
- (3) After we verify your identity, we will notify you when you will be allowed to review your records.
- (4) You will be allowed a reasonable period of time to examine your CHRI at our administrative office.
- (5) If you need assistance, you may designate your counsel, interpreter, or other appropriate person to help you. You must consent, on the form we require, for the person to assist you.
- (6) If you would like to make corrections or challenge your CHRI, you must do so in accordance with RCW 10.97.080.

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