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Commissioners tour amusement game center and other gambling businesses

The Commissioners' May meeting was held in Vancouver, which was a great opportunity to get to know our licensees in Southwest Washington. Several licensed gambling businesses opened their doors and gave tours to our Commissioners. This is a fairly new board of Commissioners and they are eager to learn more about the gambling industry.

The Commissioners extend a big "Thank You" to these licensees for taking the time to give tours:

- New Phoenix, Last Frontier, and Palace house-banked card rooms, La Center
- Big Al's Amusement Center, Vancouver
- ZDI Distributing, Vancouver

Chair Stearns said "Big Al's is a great example of how safe and honest amusement games, not only provide quality fun and entertainment for kids and adults alike in an upscale setting, but also provide quality jobs and revenue for Washington's economy."

Did you know...

- Amusement games have been licensed and regulated by the Gambling Commission since 1973?
- Amusement games are not considered gambling? The outcome of amusement games depend, in a material degree, on the skill of the player. This means the more a player plays the game, the better they should get.
- Amusement games can only give out merchandise prizes? This requirement is in the law.
- A proposed rule change to allow a new type of amusement game is currently under discussion by the Commissioners? The new amusement game would require players to solve a puzzle or complete a pattern to win a prize. [Click here for details about this proposed rule change.](#) This rule change will be discussed again at the July 9 or 10 Commission meeting in Seattle. [Click here for the July meeting agenda as the date gets closer.](#) Meetings are open to the public and you are invited to attend and comment on this or any other proposed rule change.

About the Washington State Gambling Commission:

The Gambling Commission is a limited jurisdiction law enforcement agency and the only statewide agency devoted to gambling licensing, regulation and enforcement. 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. The Commission holds public meetings once a month to discuss administrative issues, approve new gambling licenses, discuss and approve proposed rule changes, and take action regarding the revocation or suspension of gambling licenses. We are accredited by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. To learn more about what we do, visit www.wsgc.wa.gov.

Mission: Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest.