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Economic Market Study on Gambling Underway in Washington State!

To help the Legislature and Commission prepare for future industry changes and potential gambling policy changes, [Spectrum Gaming Group](#) has been chosen to lead Washington State's first ever Economic Market Study on Gambling. Spectrum professionals have been performing groundbreaking work in this field since the early 1980s and have studied the impacts of Indian gaming in various states, including Florida and Connecticut.



Michael Pollock, Managing Director of Spectrum Gaming Group said, "We are honored to have been selected for this important assignment. Understanding the impacts of gambling is a critical measure for any state that wants to ensure an effective gaming policy."



Commission Chair Chris Stearns said, "The results of this study will be a powerful economic tool for the state and tribes that will allow us to build on our success and help the state, businesses, tribes, and citizens guide economic growth with investment and with our values."

Study results will be available in late fall and will:

- Outline existing gaming market (other than lottery and horse racing) in Washington State and forecast potential growth.
- Measure the economic impacts in Washington State for commercial, non-profit, and Tribal gaming, including: employment, fantasy sports, gambling facilities, gambling trends, internet gambling, introduction of new or modernized gambling activities/games, mobile games, population trends, revenues, technology impacts, and tourism effects.

The Commission has conducted two [Public Opinion Surveys](#) (2006 & 2012).

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 and rule changes, approve new gambling licenses, and take action regarding the revocation or suspension of gambling licenses. We are accredited by the [Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs](#).

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