



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
GAMBLING COMMISSION

*"Protect the Public by Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest"*

December 29, 2020

MATTHEW WILLIAMS  
6225 57<sup>TH</sup> AVE SE  
LACEY, WA 98513

**RE: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION; CR 2020-01020**

Dear Matthew Williams:

Enclosed is an Order of Default entered by the Commission on December 17, 2020, revoking your certification to conduct gambling activities. This action occurred because you did not timely respond by requesting a hearing to the administrative charges mailed on September 17, 2020.


You have the right to move to vacate this Order. If you do so, we must receive your request by the 10<sup>th</sup> day after the Order was mailed. Your motion must include the specific grounds upon which relief is requested and must be submitted to:

Washington State Gambling Commission  
Attention: Legal & Records Division  
P.O. Box 42400  
Olympia, WA 98504-2400

You also have the right to submit a Petition for Judicial Review. If you do this, you must submit it within 30 days of the date the Order was mailed. RCW 34.05.514 explains where you must file this petition and RCW 34.05.546 explains what information your Petition must include.

This is not meant to be a full explanation of all the statutes and regulations you would need to understand to move to vacate or Petition for Judicial Review. Please call me at (800) 345-2529, extension 3473, with any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Ashlie Laydon, Rules Coordinator  
Legal & Records Division

Enclosure

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
GAMBLING COMMISSION**

7 In the Matter of:

NO. CR 2020-01020

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MATTHEW P. WILLIAMS,  
License No. 69-48197

FINAL ORDER OF THE  
GAMBLING COMMISSION

Class III Employee.

This matter having come before the Washington State Gambling Commission (Commission) on December 17, 2020, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and issues its Final Order:

**I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Matthew P. Williams License No. 69-48197, authorizing Class III Employee activity for the Nisqually Indian Tribe.

2. This license, which expires on January 21, 2021, was issued subject to Williams' compliance with state gambling laws and Commission rules, and the Nisqually Tribal-State Compact.

3. Williams has been licensed since 2020.

1. A WSGC Special Agent was assigned to review whether Matthew Williams continued to qualify for certification following the revocation of his Nisqually tribal license.

2. A review of Williams' licensing file showed that he had been certified since January 22, 2020, and had been working at the Nisqually Red Wind Casino during that time until

1 he was terminated on July 28, 2020. Williams then transferred his certification to allow him to  
2 work for the Cowlitz tribe on July 29, 2020.

3 3. Upon issuance of their Personnel Termination Notification (PTN) on July 28, the  
4 Nisqually Tribal Gaming Agency (TGA) provided the WSGC with copies of the termination  
5 letter, the related incident report and statements, as well as Williams's voluntarily provided  
6 statement.

7 4. A review of the documents shows that a Red Wind Casino slot attendant notified  
8 his supervisor that on or about June 5, 2020, Williams had approached him saying that he "found  
9 a \$100 ticket on the floor." Williams told the attendant that he was going to cash out the ticket  
10 but "didn't know how to cash it without getting caught."

11 5. The attendant informed his supervisor that Williams had on other occasions told  
12 him that he had found \$100 cash and \$20 cash, both times keeping the money for himself.

13 6. The Nisqually TGA asked Williams to provide a written statement addressing the  
14 accusations. In it, Williams admitted that he "did accidentally and unintentionally pocket \$20  
15 and forgot to turn it in." He stated that he didn't say anything because he was scared of losing  
16 his job.

17 7. On July 5, 2020, Nisqually TGA issued a letter to Williams notifying him that his  
18 license was suspended, and that he was barred from the premises of the Red Wind Casino. The  
19 letter stated that Williams had a right to appeal the decision within 15 days.

20 8. On July 29, 2020, after receiving no appeal and no request for a hearing from  
21 Williams, Nisqually TGA issued a letter that his license had been revoked through a default  
22 judgment.

23 9. Williams failed to report his suspension, and subsequent revocation to the  
24 WSGC, as is required. The WSGC contacted the Cowlitz TGA regarding Williams. Cowlitz  
25 TGA then issued their own PTN for Williams.  
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1 10. Director David Trujillo issued administrative charges on September 16, 2020  
2 alleging that William's actions constituted a violation of RCW 9.46.075 and WAC 230-03-085.  
3 Further, that he could not show by clear and convincing evidence that he was qualified for  
4 certification as required by RCW 9.46.153(1), and that his actions warranted revocation of his  
5 certification pursuant to RCW 9.46.075(1) and (8), WAC 230-03-085(1), (8), (9)(a), (c), and (d),  
6 and in accordance with Section V.C. (1) and V.C. (3) of the Nisqually Tribal-State Gaming  
7 Compact.

8 11. Williams was sent the charges by regular and certified mail on September 17, 2020  
9 to the last address the Gambling Commission had on file.

10 12. Pursuant to WAC 230-17-010, a response was required to be received by the  
11 Commission by October 12, 2020. To date, the Commission has received no communication  
12 from Williams.

## 13 II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

14 1. Matthew P. Williams received proper notice of the charges within three days of  
15 September 17, 2020 via regular and certified mail pursuant to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.434,  
16 WAC 230-17-005, WAC 230-17-010, and WAC 10-08-130.

17 2. The Commission can take final action against Matthew P. Williams's Class III  
18 certification under Case Number CR 2020-01020 pursuant to RCW 9.46.075, RCW  
19 34.05.440(1), RCW 34.05.461, WAC 230-03-085, and Section 5(c) of the Nisqually Tribal-State  
20 Compact.

21 3. Matthew P. Williams's Class III certification should be revoked under Case  
22 Number CR 2020-01020 pursuant to RCW 9.46.075, RCW 9.46.153(1), RCW 34.05.440(1),  
23 RCW 34.05.461, WAC 230-03-085, and Section 5(c) of the Nisqually Tribal-State Compact.

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1 **ORDER**


2 This matter having come before the Commission at its December 17, 2020, Commission  
3 meeting, the Commissioners having heard arguments, been given the chance to review the  
4 administrative record, and being fully advised in this matter, now therefore:

5 It is hereby **ORDERED** that Matthew P. Williams's Class III certification, Number 69-  
6 48197, is **REVOKED**.

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8 DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

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12 BUD SIZEMORE, Chair



JULIA PATTERSON, Vice Chair



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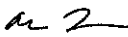
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2 **NOTICE**

3 Reconsideration: RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 230-17-140 provide that a party may file a  
4 petition for reconsideration of a final order. A petition for reconsideration must be received no  
5 later than thirteen (13) days after the date this final order is mailed. Any motion for  
6 reconsideration must state the specific grounds supporting the party's request for  
7 reconsideration.

8 Stay of Final Order: Filing for reconsideration does not stay the effectiveness of this  
9 Order. WAC 230-17-145 provides that a party may petition the Commission for a stay of a final  
10 order. Any petition for a stay should be received by the Commission within thirteen (13) days  
11 after the date this final order is mailed.

12 Judicial Review: RCW 34.05.542 provides that a party may appeal this final order by  
13 filing a petition for judicial review within thirty (30) days after service of this order. A petition  
14 for judicial review must be filed with the appropriate superior court and served upon both the  
15 Commission and the Office of the Attorney General.

16 Service: This Order was served on you three days after it was deposited in the United  
17 States Postal Service regular mail, excluding the date of mailing. WAC 230-17-035.

18 Any motions or petitions for judicial review should be served on or mailed to:

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20 Washington State Gambling Commission  
21 Legal and Records Division  
22 4565 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.E., Lacey, WA  
P.O. Box 42400  
Olympia, WA 98504-2400

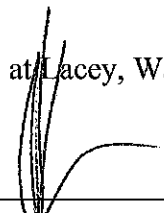
Doug Van de Brake  
Attorney General's Office  
1135 Washington St. SE  
P.O. Box 40100  
Olympia, WA 98504-0100

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3 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

4 I certify that on the date below I served a copy of the foregoing document on all parties  
5 and/or their counsel by United States Postal Service regular mail to the following:

6 MATTHEW P WILLIAMS  
7 6225 57<sup>TH</sup> AVE SE  
8 LACEY, WA 98513

9 EXECUTED this 21 day of December, 2020, at Lacey, Washington.

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13 Ashlie Laydon  
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