

WASHINGTON STATE GAMBLING COMMISSION MEETING

May 8, 2025 OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

Commissioners



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Sarah Lawson Vice Chair



Anders Ibsen



Michael Charles

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Ex Officios



Senator Steve Conway



Senator Jeff Holy



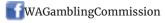
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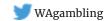


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Gambling Commission Meeting Thursday, May 8, 2025

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By phone: 360-726-3322, ID: 769 530 841#

In-Person: Liquor and Cannabis Board 1025 Union Avenue SE Olympia, WA

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- Virtually via Teams or
- In person

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Public Comment

Election of Officers

(Action)

- Chair
- Vice Chair

Public Comment

Executive Director's Report

Tina Griffin, Executive Director

Tab 2 Relationships Between Tribes, States, and the Federal Government

Ron Whitener, Affiliate Professor of Law, University of Washington Law School

Tab 3 2024 Strategic Intelligence Report

Bryce Mack, Special Agent Supervisor, Intelligence Unit Bill Spring, Special Agent, Intelligence Unit

Tab 4 2025 Legislative Wrap-Up
Preparing for 2026 Legislative Session

Tricia Gullion, Legislative and Rules Manager

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Public Comment

Executive Session – Closed to the Public

Adjourn

Updated: May 1, 2025

Next Meeting: July 10 and 11, 2025 at the Liquor and Cannabis Board, Olympia, WA Public Meeting Accommodations: Questions or comments about the agenda and requests for special accommodation should be directed to askus@wsgc.wa.gov



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April 10, 2025 Gambling Commission Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at the Liquor and Cannabis Board in Olympia, WA.

Commissioners:

Chair Alicia Levy – Virtual In person Vice Chair Sarah Lawson – In person Anders Ibsen – In person Michael Charles – In person

Ex Officio Members Present: Senator Steve Conway – Excused Senator Jeff Holy – Excused

Representative Shelley Kloba –Excused Representative Kevin Waters- Excused

Staff Present:

Tina Griffin, Executive Director; Gary Drumheller, Deputy Director; Jeneva Cotton, Deputy Director; Tricia Gullion, Legislative and Rules Manager; Shannon Moore, Executive Assistant; Adam Amorine, Legal and Records Manager; Tony Hughes, Agent in Charge, Regulation and Enforcement Unit; Tommy Oakes, Special Agent Supervisor; Lisa Benavidez, Human Resource Director; Troy Kirby, Public Information Officer; George Schultz, IT; and Suzanne Becker, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

Staff Presents Virtually:

Jim Nicks, Assistant Director and Nicole Frazer, Administrative Assistant

There were 62 people in the audience and 22 people attended virtually.

Chair Levy was experiencing technical difficulties and asked Vice Chair Lawson to run the meeting. Vice Chair Lawson welcomed everyone to the Liquor and Cannabis Board and called the meeting to order at 9:36 AM.

She announced that the meeting would be recorded and took the roll to ensure a quorum.

Tab 1 - Consent Agenda and Executive Director's Report

Chair Lawson asked the Commissioners if they had any changes to the consent agenda. They did not. She asked for public comment. There was none.

Commissioner Charles moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Ibsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. 4:0

Tina Griffin, Executive Director (ED), shared the unexpected loss of a staff member this week and asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Damon Mentzer. Vice Chair Lawson led the moment of silence.

ED Griffin shared that Chair Levy, Vice Chair Lawson, and staff attended the Indian Gaming Association Trade Show last week to learn more about changes in the industry

and met with many of our licensees regarding their new products.

ED Griffin also gave an update on federal legislation, Safe Bet and the GRIT Act.

Tab 2 - 2025 Legislative Update

Tricia Gullion, Legislative and Rules Manager (LRM), provided an update on state budget deficit and the potential impact to the Gambling Revolving Fund. LRM Gullion also spoke on the progress of HB 1149, Animal Cruelty, and HB 1222, our agency request legislation.

Vice Chair Lawson asked if the Commissioners had any questions. There were none.

<u>Tab 3 – Rule Petition – Allow a Participant to Change Their Self-Exclusion Term</u>

LRM Gullion presented the petitioner's request for a rule change to allow participants of the state-wide self-exclusion program to be able to change their self-exclusion term. Sixteen written comments were received prior to the meeting. Those comments were provided to the commissioners and posted on our website.

The Petitioner, Shemshia Kassa, testified that she thought she signed up for a 1-year exclusion not a 10-year exclusion. She would like to change it to a 1-year exclusion.

Vice Chair Lawson asked for public comment. No one in the room or attending virtually indicated they wished to provide public comment.

Commissioner Ibsen moved to deny the request because it is flagrantly not in keeping with the statutory and regulatory intent behind the self-exclusion program.

Commissioner Charles seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously to deny the petitioner's request. 4:0

<u>Tab 4 – Rule Petition – Manufacturing Gambling Equipment</u>

LRM Guillion presented the petitioner's request for a rule change to the petitioner to make gambling equipment primarily for recreational gambling activities and fund-raising events.

Jeremiah Ryan, the petitioner, testified that he is trying to start a small business making tables but the cost of the manufacturer's license is expensive.

Vice Chair Lawson asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

Commissioner Ibsen moved to deny the request due to the staff recommendation and the possibility for illicit activity. This is based on the staff recommendation, due to the need for greater regulatory oversight over of these pieces of equipment and the potential, if there was deregulation, for there to be less regulation and more criminal activity in the state, which goes against what we are charged with under the state Gambling Act.

Commissioner Levy seconded the motion.

The motion passed to deny the petitioner's request. 3:1. Commissioner Charles abstained from the vote.

<u>Tab 5 – Default – Ty Lother – CR 2025-00263</u>

Adam Amorine, Legal and Records Manager, provided a summary of the administrative case against licensee Ty Lother based on pending criminal charges.

Vice Chair Lawson asked for questions and discussion of the commissioners. There was none. Vice Chair Lawson asked if Mr. Lother was present in the meeting room or virtually. There was no response within the room at LCB or virtually. Vice Chair Lawson asked for public comment. There was none.

Commissioner Lawson moved to revoke Ty Lother's gambling license #69-50248. Commissioner Ibsen seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously. 4:0

Public Comment

Vice Chair Lawson called upon those who signed up in advance of the meeting to provide public comment and asked they limit their comments to 1 minute per speaker.

Carter Heald was the Poker Supervisor at Silver Dollar Renton until it closed last month. Silver Dollar Casino closed as they were unable to compete with tribal offerings, in part, due to the restrictions imposed solely on privately held card rooms. He and his co-workers have been laid off with some being re-positioned within Maverick at reduced hours. He learned from his former co-workers that Maverick and other independently owned card rooms are expecting to close more card rooms in the state ultimately resulting in similar layoffs. Maverick and other independent operators have previously proposed changes ranging from ways to reduce the cost of businesses as well as new ways to generate revenue that support the livelihood of thousands of employed Washingtonians. Every policy change affects not just large operators but regular people of Washington who build their career in Washington.

Scott Mineke, from Eastern Washington, and has been in the card room industry since 1999. When he started there were 147 card rooms; now there are under 50. The card room industry has given money to cities to build ballfields among other things. He stated that we should not be squeezed out of the state of Washington.

Ginger Culbertson, started in gaming in Washington in 1998. She works at a card room in Yakima. So many people have lost their jobs. The community business where she works, works hard to offer a safe and enjoyable environment for their players. Before the state ran the self-exclusion program, they had a self-exclusion program. She wants to address the growing challenges they face regarding self-exclusion and the concerns about the fairness the regulatory landscape that holds us accountable while the tribal casinos not. If we're held accountable for self-exclusion regulated by the state, she feels like they should be too. We're doing the exact same thing. It's only fair that we have the same playing field. Otherwise, all that is happening is our guests are being required to not come see us, they're only allowed to go to tribal casinos, which is exactly what is happening. We are seeing our guests at the tribal casinos because they can't come see us. That doesn't solve the problem you are saying you are trying to solve. If you are saying that they have a problem and that they shouldn't be allowed to gamble, then they shouldn't be allowed to gamble anywhere in Washington. We are all

working toward the same goal, to make sure the gambling environment is safe and fair for all. For that goal to be achievable, we need regulations that are fair and balanced ensuring that all operators regardless of the size or affiliation are held to the same standards.

Cliff Berlin, sole provider for his family and father of two. He's been in the gaming industry since 2002 and worked for 23 years in both tribal and card room operations. Mr. Berlin wonders why the idea of centralized surveillance was shut down. It would streamline gaming agent stops and make the most of their time. When a gaming agent is doing an investigation and going to multiple properties, wouldn't it be nice for them to stop at one place to do their reviews. Maybe they are afraid of losing jobs like we are, but that can't be because we still need onsite regulation to make sure we are adhering to each of the WACs. It is tough to hire a competent surveillance observer. If we had centralized surveillance, we could put our best observers in one place, cut our labor, shrink compliance oversight, and bring amenity back to the observers that we just don't have at the small card rooms anymore. There has to be a way that both the commission and Maverick can work together to implement a plan to make this happen. Mr. Berlin wants fair and impartial cohesion between the Gambling Commission and card rooms. The favoritism in the past for tribal gaming is blatantly obvious and unfair. It's consistently shown by denying us additional revenue streams, like sports betting, and letting us implement cost cutting measures such as centralized surveillance. These choices have hindered us economically and affected over 1,500 people. The things that the company does you don't see or care about. We provide backpacks for unprivileged kids and provide meals for families during the holidays. We have pensions and health care as part of the union. If you keep denying us these privileges you are so quick to grant the tribes, you are going to regulate 1,500 hard-working casino employees and yourselves to the unemployment line because without us, there is no Gambling Commission.

Taylor Rae works in marketing for Maverick and is concerned about self-exclusion. The people here get to see and know the customers who come day-to-day. We do more than just gambling; we hold a lot of events. When people lose, they get mad and emotional, and they definitely self-exclude. What people might not know is when we see these customers away from the gaming facility, we know they are still gambling but not at our casinos. It's discouraging to see people that maybe do need help, but they are still gambling at other places. It would be fair if we didn't have self-exclusion just for card rooms.

Natalie Keister, from Spokane, stated that people here have worked hard to provide a safe, legal, and fair place for our patrons and Washingtonians can choose to go and gamble with us. We are here today to put a face to the jobs that you significantly impact through your votes and decisions. Natalie has been a card room employee since 2019. These jobs truly matter not only to the people in this room but to the Washingtonians and the Commission. Every decision you make I ask that you make with the consideration... "does it affect our jobs and put a face to those decisions."

Ronnie House stated that self-exclusion is not fair to the card room. Mr. House has been in the business for 17 years. Who is self-exclusion being fair to? Self-exclusion limits us. We are already at a disadvantage being a small business but this handicaps us even more.

Mike Kitchen has been in the business for 27 years. He has been affected by the slowdown and was laid off for 3 months last year. If customers come in and want to play slot machines, or do sports betting, they need to go somewhere else. If they want to eat but they've self-excluded, they can't come in to eat, have drinks, or hang out with their friends even if they don't gamble. We are losing union jobs. Every time we cut customers out of our business; we lose more union

jobs. We have a lot of minority workers who can't get jobs. Mr. Kitchen has seen the business go from a huge amount of business to today when there was just one table open when he left.

Ryan Christensen, from Tacoma, has been in the business 25 years. In regards to selfexclusion, Mr. Christensen hears the words "public health" and "heart." He finds it disingenuous from a personal experience because he goes to tribal casinos all the time and runs into our customers there. If it was a public health thing, we would want those people to get help. But, in turn, the reality of the situation is we have 38 card rooms in the state. A person can be mad at one person or one situation and get on this list. Now they are banned from every single card room but yet they can go to the tribes. If they want to ban themselves from the tribes, they have to go to each individual tribal location and sign up for selfexclusion. Mr. Christensen stated that he has talked to people personally and they say they don't have the time to do that. They come to our place and sign it. 9 times out of 10 they think they can't go anywhere even when we've explained it. He has explained it to people multiple times that this is a ban. He agrees with self-exclusion. He doesn't understand two parts - they can still go to tribal casinos and the state legislating where we can't go. As adults, we should be able to petition to come to you and go case-by-case and say, "I may have made a mistake. I would like to reduce this (self-exclusion term)." A 10 year or 5 year ban off someone that may have had a bad day or bad night or a family member wanting them to do this, it's devasting.

Eric Perrson When commissioner Ibsen says his job is to not help struggling card rooms, I think he's missing the point. When we're talking about a superior technology that protects our customers like centralized surveillance, you're texting another commissioner. The commissioners are conflicted out. The commissioners are taking active efforts to kill the jobs of card room employees.

Commissioner Charles stated that he does not think it is the purview of the commission to only make decisions based one business' interests nor to attack commissioners. Commissioner Charles went on to say they do want to figure out ways to work with together because these jobs are very important and talk through more issues.

Gary Okahara, who works for Maverick Gaming, spoke to the comments made by commissioners regarding self-exclusion, specifically "they shouldn't pass something that profit just us." What happens to tribal entities when we don't allow our patrons to come in but they can go to tribal entities? Is that the same spirit? It doesn't make sense. People make decisions in the heat of the moment, and they should have the ability to change their mind. They should have that choice. Commissioners shouldn't decide for them. Regarding centralized surveillance, you listened to your staff to make your decision today. You didn't listen to your staff after they answered all your questions regarding centralized surveillance.

Laura Bolinger, teamster representative for unit 117. She asked to speak to the importance of the jobs that fall under the state-wide Maverick contract. These jobs provide health and retirement benefits that previously were never provided. Ms. Bolinger asked the commission to reconsider things such as centralized surveillance that would save this company money and to keep facilities open and keep the jobs intact that include a pension after a long career within the industry.

Christian Hill has seen a lot of players go to the podium at Aces Poker regarding the self-ban. It's disappointing that to have had all the comments come in after the commissioners have voted. It would be totally fair to be re-evaluated after a year for people who have been self-banned. Mr. Hill doesn't' want to lose his career. He feels it is unfair to give Mr. Perrson only 1

minute to speak when Mr. Perrson put this whole team together from at least 15 casinos to get on busses to get involved. Mr. Perrson gets a bad wrap on tv. Mr. Perrson takes care of his people, and we need more people to take care of small business.

At 10:45 AM, Vice Chair Lawson announced the commissioners would take a 15-minute break before going into Executive Session at 11:00 AM for 3 hours, until 2:00 PM to review the performance of a public employee and discuss with legal counsel representing the agency, litigation or potential litigation to which the agency is likely to become a party when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

At 1:07 PM, Vice Chair Lawson ended the Executive Session and reconvened the meeting with a quorum.

At 1:07 PM, Vice Chair Lawson adjourned the meeting.



COMMISSION APPROVAL LIST (New Licenses & Class III Gaming Employees) <u>May 2025</u>

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ORGANIZATION NAME

LICENSE NUMBER PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

BINGO

CASA ITALIANA - ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER 00-24891 01-02853

13028 1ST AVE S **BURIEN WA 98168**

RAFFLE

CASCADE KOMBIS VINTAGE VOLKSWAGEN CLUB 16101 GREENWOOD AVE N

00-24468 02-21054 SHORELINE WA 98133

THE MOUNTAINEERS 7700 SAND POINT WAY NE

SEATTLE WA 98115 00-24368 02-21008

THORNTON CREEK PARENT GROUP 7712 40TH AVE NE

00-25547 02-21478 SEATTLE WA 98115

WENATCHEE SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION 625 ELLIOT AVE

00-20751 02-08690 WENATCHEE WA 98801

PUNCHBOARD/PULL-TAB COMMERCIAL STIMULANT

2 MILE HOUSE PUB & EATERY 4221 HARRISON AVE NW 00-25523 05-21933 OLYMPIA WA 98502-5069

BURGER CLAIM AND MORE 24171 NE SR 3 00-25543 05-21936 BELFAIR WA 98528

217 S TOPPENISH AVE **HEGGIE'S PLACE TOPPENISH WA 98948** 00-25582 05-21943

3809 S GRAND BLVD REMEDY SPOKANE WA 99203 00-25517 05-21931

THE WHITE HORSE PUB 246 MAIN ST

00-25518 05-21932 EASTSOUND WA 98245

COMMERCIAL AMUSEMENT GAMES OPERATOR

CLAWTIME 900 13TH AVE SW STE 7 00-25615 53-21587

QUINCY WA 98848

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ORGANIZATION NAME

LICENSE NUMBER PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

MAJOR SPORTS WAGERING VENDOR

NYX DIGITAL GAMING (USA), LLC
400 SOUTH RAMPART BLVD
10-00762 81-00021 LAS VEGAS NV 89145

MID-LEVEL SPORTS WAGERING VENDOR

DIJON SYSTEMS LIMITED 26TH FLOOR LEADENHALL BUILDING

10-00811 82-00045 LONDON NA EC3V 4AB

IMG ARENA US, LLC PO BOX 268 10-00766 82-00044 GURNEE IL 60031

NYX DIGITAL GAMING (USA), LLC 400 SOUTH RAMPART BLVD

10-00762 82-00040 LAS VEGAS NV 89145

ANCILLARY SPORTS WAGERING VENDOR

NYX DIGITAL GAMING (USA), LLC 400 SOUTH RAMPART BLVD 10-00762 83-00046 LAS VEGAS NV 89145

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PERSON'S NAME

LICENSE NUMBER

EMPLOYER'S NAME

PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

DISTRIBUTOR REPRESENTATIVE

FLORES, DAMIAN J JCM GLOBAL

22-01392 LAS VEGAS NV 89119-3728

ROMERO TOSCANO. ROSELI JCM GLOBAL

22-01393 LAS VEGAS NV 89119-3728

SANCHEZ, JOSEPH M DYNAMIC GAMING SOLUTIONS 22-01396 OKLAHOMA CITY OK 73119

YOUNG, DONTA J SUZOHAPP GAMING SOLUTIONS, LLC

22-01391 LAS VEGAS NV 89119

MANUFACTURER REPRESENTATIVE

ADCOCK, JOHN R EVERI GAMES INC. 23-03646 EVERI GAMES INC. LAS VEGAS NV 89118

BRANDENBURG, RAIN A LIGHT & WONDER

23-04076 LAS VEGAS NV 89119

CAMPBELL, SKYLAR M LIGHT & WONDER 23-04083 LAS VEGAS NV 89119

CORTEZ, ABRAHAM S

23-04071 LAS VEGAS NV 89113

COTTO, DAVID L JR
23-04072

EVERI GAMES INC.
LAS VEGAS NV 89118

DAUGHERTY, MARGERET R ARISTOCRAT TECHNOLOGIES INC

23-04087 LAS VEGAS NV 89135

KEY, ANNE M
23-04084

LIGHT & WONDER
LAS VEGAS NV 89119

LIBAUSKAS, LOGAN J LIGHT & WONDER

23-04082 LAS VEGAS NV 89119

LOPEZ-ARIAS, ROBERTO TCS JOHN HUXLEY AMERICA INC

23-04075 LAS VEGAS NV 89120

OCULAR, ANGELICA C EVERI PAYMENTS INC

23-04081 LAS VEGAS NV 89113-2175

OLLIE, CARLTON S IGT

23-03618 LAS VEGAS NV 89113

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LICENSE NUMBER

EMPLOYER'S NAME

PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

MANUFACTURER REPRESENTATIVE

PLEGGENKUHLE, BRADEN S PAVILION PAYMENTS GAMING SERVICES

23-04078 LAS VEGAS NV 89128

OUINTON, MARK S ARISTOCRAT TECHNOLOGIES INC

23-04077 LAS VEGAS NV 89135

ROSEBERRY, JOSHUA D EVERI GAMES INC. 23-04080 LAS VEGAS NV 89118

MANUACO DE LA DIGENTA LA MANUE DE LA MANUE

VAN VOOREN, DUSTYN J LIGHT & WONDER 23-04085 LAS VEGAS NV 89119

VILLEGAS. DAVID M JR ARISTOCRAT TECHNOLOGIES INC

23-04079 LAS VEGAS NV 89135

WALLER, NICHOLAS P LIGHT & WONDER 23-04086 LAS VEGAS NV 89119

MAJOR SPORTS WAGERING REPRESENTATIVE

CORTEZ, ABRAHAM S IGT

33-00696 LAS VEGAS NV 89113

DAVIS, LEE S NYX DIGITAL GAMING (USA), LLC

33-00702 LAS VEGAS NV 89145

GOPINATH, JAYADEV

33-00708

DRAFTKINGS

BOSTON MA 02116

GRAY, ANTHONY E DRAFTKINGS

33-00706 BOSTON MA 02116

KENT, MARK P NYX DIGITAL GAMING (USA), LLC

33-00703 LAS VEGAS NV 89145

KRONDORFER, ANTON DRAFTKINGS

33-00707 BOSTON MA 02116

SALAMBASHEV, RADOSLAV A DRAFTKINGS 33-00704 DRAFTKINGS BOSTON MA 02116

SRETKOVIC, NIKOLA IGT

33-00701 LAS VEGAS NV 89113

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LICENSE NUMBER

EMPLOYER'S NAME

PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

NON-PROFIT GAMBLING MANAGER

JESSOP, DONNA D AMERICAN LEGION 00034/PASCO

61-04912 PASCO WA 99301

RIPLEY, JEAN M SPOKANE CHIEFS FAN CLUB

61-04913 SPOKANE WA 99205

SERVICE SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE

ESPINOZA, SARENA B
CBN LOTTERY & GAMING INC
WILMINGTON DE 19808

ALVARADO, CODY D 68-37979	В	PAPAS CASINO RESTAURANT & LOUNGE MOSES LAKE WA 98837
AROUSA, RICKY R JR 68-31950	В	COYOTE BOB'S CASINO KENNEWICK WA 99336
BACKMAN, SARAH S 68-37960	В	GRAND CASINO SHORELINE WA 98133
BAILIE, JACKSON P 68-37948	В	CRAZY MOOSE CASINO/PASCO PASCO WA 99301
BARRAZA, ANTHONY F 68-30806	В	IMPERIAL PALACE CASINO TUKWILA WA 98188
BECK, JOSEPH V 68-23881	В	BLACK PEARL RESTAURANT & CARD ROOM SPOKANE VALLEY WA 99206-4719
BLACKMON, ZECHARIAH J 68-35215	В	SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/MILL CREEK MILL CREEK WA 98012-6384
BUENO, YOLANDA 68-37949	В	CASINO CARIBBEAN YAKIMA WA 98901
CARNAHAN, RONALD E 68-37952	В	LANCER LANES AND CASINO CLARKSTON WA 99403-2219
CHAUMATH, NASIR L 68-37969	В	FORTUNE CASINO - TUKWILA TUKWILA WA 98168
CHRISTOPHERSON, NANCY A 68-17465	В	ACE'S POKER MOUNTLAKE TERRACE WA 98043

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NEW APPLICATIONS

COTHREN, LONDON M 68-36157	В	JOKER'S CASINO AND SPORTS BAR RICHLAND WA 99352-4122
FROLOV, PAVEL G 68-21865	В	FORTUNE CASINO - RENTON RENTON WA 98055
HERRERA SALCIDO, LUIS E 68-32087	В	GOLDIES SHORELINE CASINO SHORELINE WA 98133
HUNTER, LAURENCE M 68-37961	В	BLACK PEARL RESTAURANT & CARD ROOM SPOKANE VALLEY WA 99206-4719
JAMES, ROSEMARY J 68-37966	В	FORTUNE CASINO LA CENTER LA CENTER WA 98629
JAMISON, ZACKARY T 68-34483	В	GRAND CASINO SHORELINE WA 98133
JOHNSON, MATTHEW J 68-21218	В	DESERT BLUFFS POKER ROOM KENNEWICK WA 99352
JONES, KAL'EL C 68-34994	В	ALL STAR CASINO SILVERDALE WA 98383
JOYA RODRIGUEZ, OSCAR 68-37968	В	BUZZ INN STEAKHOUSE/EAST WENATCHEE EAST WENATCHEE WA 98802
MENDEZ, BRYAN A 68-37974	В	CLEARWATER SALOON & CASINO EAST WENATCHEE WA 98802
METCALF, WILLIAM K 68-30499	В	ACE'S POKER MOUNTLAKE TERRACE WA 98043
MINTZ, BRYCE O 68-37965	В	DESERT BLUFFS POKER ROOM KENNEWICK WA 99352
MORGAN, JESSEY R 68-36091	В	SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/MILL CREEK MILL CREEK WA 98012-6384
NGUYEN, ANNA O 68-17343	В	FORTUNE CASINO - LACEY LACEY WA 98516
OEUN, RICHARD A 68-37976	В	IMPERIAL PALACE CASINO TUKWILA WA 98188
PHAN, BAN N 68-23677	В	GREAT AMERICAN CASINO/TUKWILA TUKWILA WA 98168

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NEW APPLICATIONS

PHILLIPS, BAXTER J JR 68-37954	В	CLEARWATER SALOON & CASINO EAST WENATCHEE WA 98802
PHILLIPS, DONALD W 68-36461	В	CLEARWATER SALOON & CASINO EAST WENATCHEE WA 98802
RANGEL, RICARDO 68-37977	В	DESERT BLUFFS POKER ROOM KENNEWICK WA 99352
RHABURN, AIDEN R 68-37959	В	ALL STAR CASINO SILVERDALE WA 98383
RIVERA, NATHANIEL 68-37967	В	LAST FRONTIER LA CENTER WA 98629-0000
RODRIGUEZ, ABRAM 68-37973	В	CLEARWATER SALOON & CASINO EAST WENATCHEE WA 98802
ROSKAM-SWIGER, DONALD E 68-22130	В	BLACK PEARL RESTAURANT & CARD ROO SPOKANE VALLEY WA 99206-4719
ROUSSIN, KYAIRRA B 68-37980	В	GRAND CASINO SHORELINE WA 98133
SAECHAO, SUN N 68-37964	В	FORTUNE CASINO - RENTON RENTON WA 98055
SCHWEERS, ERIKA L 68-13632	В	FORTUNE CASINO - LACEY LACEY WA 98516
SCOTT, THOMAS H 68-31661	В	LANCER LANES AND CASINO CLARKSTON WA 99403-2219
SUTHERLAND, STANTON A 68-37288	В	CLEARWATER SALOON & CASINO EAST WENATCHEE WA 98802
THOMPSON, WILLIAM S 68-37971	В	DESERT BLUFFS POKER ROOM KENNEWICK WA 99352
TIENG, TU-UYEN T 68-05948	В	CARIBBEAN CARDROOM KIRKLAND WA 98034
VANCE, GREGORY A 68-22182	В	COYOTE BOB'S CASINO KENNEWICK WA 99336
WALKER, KAYTY R 68-32376	В	GRAND CASINO SHORELINE WA 98133

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LICENSE NUMBER

EMPLOYER'S NAME

PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

WHITMIRE, LAWRENCE S 68-15535	В	CASINO CARIBBEAN YAKIMA WA 98901
WOLF, SKYLAH E 68-37978	В	LANCER LANES AND CASINO CLARKSTON WA 99403-2219
WRIGHT, JAMES E 68-37972	В	JOKER'S CASINO AND SPORTS BAR RICHLAND WA 99352-4122
WU, QI H 68-19696	В	IMPERIAL PALACE CASINO TUKWILA WA 98188
WYRD, BELIZAK J 68-37981	В	NEW PHOENIX LA CENTER WA 98629
YEM, SOKHA 68-10254	В	DESERT BLUFFS POKER ROOM KENNEWICK WA 99352

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NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

CHEHALIS CONFEDERATED TRIBES

ATWOOD, PEARCE T BARGAS, LANEA N

69-58525 69-58618

CLARK, IAN R CONNORS, CHRISTOPHER J

69-58527 69-18254

MATTOX, SAMANTHA S PASION, JANET H

69-58465 69-56430

ROBBINS, MICHAEL L ZUNDEL, THOMAS A

69-53879 69-58526

COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

BOLES, HOLLY A HARTKE, JOSHUA H

69-58594 69-58597

MCCLUNG, JENNIFER L OLSON, RONALD R

69-58638 69-58559

RORAUS SAILER, JESSICA M STENSGAR, BRYSON T

69-58595 69-58598

WEST, TOMMY J

69-58596

COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE

ALMOND, ANISTASIA S BELLIS, DUSTIN M

69-58517 69-58512

CHIAPPONE, KHAIZEL T ESCOBAR, CHANDRA L

69-58582 69-47362

HELMS, KENNETH W LIU, ZHICHENG

69-58591 69-58504

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NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE

LORN, ISAAC R MAO, YIDI 69-56686 69-58544

MONAHAN, RAYANNE M MUNZEL, GABRIEL T

69-58505 69-58560

ROMERO, JOSHUA M ROTHWELL, NICHOLAS D

69-58593 69-58608

SHINABARGAR, MARTHA A VIALL, SARAH M

69-58612 69-58538

WHEELER, KELSEY A

69-58562

KALISPEL TRIBE

ABRAMS, PHILLIP L BROWN, AVERY R

69-58583 69-49868

DELA CRUZ, ABIGAIL ICY MARIE E ERICKSON, KODY J

69-58610

HIGLEY, AMANDA L MCGUIRE, KAVICK C

69-58499 69-58561

STROSAHL, KATELYN M

69-58542

LUMMI NATION

CORRION, DAVID M

69-58498

MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN TRIBE

ANNABLE, JORDAN M CARLTON, SOLOMON G

69-58603 69-58510

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NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN TRIBE

CHAMBERLAIN, DANIEL D COLON, JOSE R

69-48606 69-58570

ELAURIA, ALEXANDRA M LAW, KEVIN J

69-58571 69-58546

MISA, FOALIMA K PHILLIPS, AMY R

69-58602 69-58604

ROBINSON, THIIA M VANZANT, LEA K

69-58545 69-58509

WILSON, HEATHER

69-58508

NISQUALLY INDIAN TRIBE

CEBULAR, RAYMOND J LINDSEY, TODD A

69-13267 69-58558

MATLOCK, CALEB T PAZ, JAIME J II

69-58580 69-58503

RHYMES, CHRISTINE N TAYLOR, SHERIE L

69-27435 69-07511

WELLS, TINA M WILSON, SHARLENE L

69-54872 69-32996

NOOKSACK INDIAN TRIBE

DAVIS, KENNETH W DESJARLAIS, JOSEPH P

69-26126 69-34438

TUCKER, RACHEL A

69-50819

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NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE

BECK, TRACE E CZAPIEWSKI, NICOLE L

69-58579 69-55746

HALL, LEVI E HORTON, JOHN A

69-58613 69-58551

IVES, DANETTE C KELLY, ROBERT H

69-30485 69-58554

MC NAMEE, AREES D MORALES, EDDIE N

69-58530 69-58555

MORRIS, JENNIFER L SANDERS, MARQUITA A

69-58531 69-58492

SULLIVAN, BRIAN M TEMPIA, BRENNAN C

69-58609 69-58553

WHEELER, BETTE R

69-58581

PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS

CONTRERAS, MICHAEL G GRIFFIN, LOGAN J

69-58587 69-58588

YORK, CHRISTOPHER R

69-58620

QUINAULT NATION

BAGLEY, KRYSTLE A BATCHELOR, ERIN D

69-58533 69-35275

CONNOLLY, GLENN S CROW, MIKAYLA J

69-58552 69-43420

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NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

SHOALWATER BAY TRIBE

BANNISH, TROY A CROUSE, NAOMI E

69-58576 69-58541

DANIEL, HUNTER W MORROW, MICHELLE L

69-56514 69-58442

OLSEN, OLE C SANDERS, STACEY J

69-54010 69-53708

SHORES, JOHN G

69-56515

SNOQUALMIE TRIBE

BARBER, CHRISTOPHER V JANDA, BETH E

69-58623 69-58520

JATIKAWANIT, NUANPHAN LAU, TOMMY W

69-58521 69-16258

LI, WEI X LOR, CRYSTAL A

69-18234 69-41731

LUONG, LAN M MERRITT, ANDREW J

69-43519 69-58306

NY, MEANRITH SEIL, ALEX C

69-17653 69-58543

STURMAN, ZACHARY A TAYLOR, YAH-KWIL-AH S

69-58569 69-58522

TESFAYE, ABEL M TRAN, HAU

69-58624 69-52475

ZOU, YANXIANG

69-58625

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CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

SPOKANE TRIBE

BREMER, GLENDA C BROKENROPE, LAKOTA R

69-58565 69-58566

CALKINS, SHYENNE K COLLINS, ADAM N

69-58523 69-58486

CRAMER, KIMBERLY F CUSHMAN, MICHAEL J

69-58466 69-58518

DUONG, WILSON P HARGRAVE, DENNY R

69-58519 69-58601

HUTCHINS, BRIAN A KRAMER, JERRY E

69-58502 69-58494

LEWIS, CHLOE M MEEKER, JAMES D

69-58574 69-58500

METTLER, RICHARD J SR MOSHER, ERIC M

69-58575 69-58563

NEISESS, DARALEE B PAUL, JOEL B

69-58564

PAULSON, JOSEPH B JR SEVIN, MARY J

69-44064 69-58573

STARNES, MA KLIN A STODDARD, ROBERT A

69-58567 69-39223

THOMPSON, ASHLEE M WARD, JOHN T

69-58493 69-58483

WARREN, MALIK D WILLIAMS, KALUS D

69-58482 69-40019

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CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

BALDWIN, DONOVAN S DILWORTH, ANDREW R

69-58535 69-58540

GRUNDL, DONALD A JOHNSON, DASHAUN H

69-58584 69-58586

JOHNSON, KONDWANI A MALLECK, ALMA M

69-58585 69-40157

RIVAS, VICTOR STRATTON, SANDRA L

69-58507 69-58536

SWINOMISH INDIAN TRIBAL COMMUNITY

CAYOU, TAYLOR-RAE A GEORGE, TONNA K

69-58506 69-21320

TWITCHELL, MAX

69-58568

THE TULALIP TRIBES

ECHEVARRIA, ALEXZES J FOLLESTAD, KAYLEENA E

69-58528 69-58537

HENRY, KRYSTA T JOHNSON, STERLING W

69-58550 69-58572

JONES, CHARLOTTE L MILLER, JEFFREY A

69-58495 69-58529

MURPHY, TIMOTHY F NAVA PEDROZA, LUIS E

69-58549 69-47518

PERRY, TYLER S RAMOS ST CLAIR, BRYNN B

69-58496 69-58548

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CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

THE TULALIP TRIBES

RIVERA, JAYSON J SANDS, ROBERT J

69-25023 69-58491

WOLTER, TRAVIS J

69-58524

UPPER SKAGIT INDIAN TRIBE

ANDERSON, DEREK A GLAISTER, WESLEY A

69-58556 69-45043

JAMES, JULIANNE C LEPPLA, JORDYNN N

69-58539 69-58606

MACKO, ALEXANDER M

69-58605

YAKAMA NATION

BLACKBURN, CHRISTINA L LEAVITT, KIMBERLEY A

69-58557 69-28014

MOSES, KATELIND L NEASE, KAIDEN M

69-58578 69-58640

POLK, KORINA K RANDALL, GEORGIE S

69-14058 69-58637

VALDEZ, ENRIQUE

69-58635



HOUSE-BANKED PUBLIC CARD ROOM REPORT

Licensed and Operating		35			
	City	Commission Approval Date	License Expiration Date	Org#	License #
ALL STAR CASINO	SILVERDALE	Jan 14, 1999	Jun 30, 2025	00-18357	67-00058
BLACK PEARL RESTAURANT & CARD ROOM	SPOKANE VALLEY	Jan 10, 2013	Jun 30, 2025	00-22440	67-00321
BUZZ INN STEAKHOUSE/EAST WENATCHEE	EAST WENATCHEE	Oct 10, 2002	Jun 30, 2025	00-11170	67-00183
CARIBBEAN CARDROOM	KIRKLAND	Nov 14, 2019	Jun 30, 2025	00-24515	67-00343
CASINO CARIBBEAN	KIRKLAND	Nov 14, 2019	Jun 30, 2025	00-24512	67-00341
CASINO CARIBBEAN	YAKIMA	Nov 14, 2019	Jun 30, 2025	00-24513	67-00342
CHIPS CASINO/LAKEWOOD	LAKEWOOD	Apr 8, 1999	Jun 30, 2025	00-17414	67-00020
CLEARWATER SALOON & CASINO	EAST WENATCHEE	Feb 14, 2019	Jun 30, 2025	00-24296	67-00339
COYOTE BOB'S CASINO	KENNEWICK	Jul 10, 2009	Jun 30, 2025	00-21848	67-00282
CRAZY MOOSE CASINO II	MOUNTLAKE TERRACE	Jul 10, 2009	Jun 30, 2025	00-21849	67-00283
CRAZY MOOSE CASINO/PASCO	PASCO	Jul 10, 2009	Jun 30, 2025	00-21847	67-00281
FORTUNE CASINO - LACEY	LACEY	Jul 14, 2022	Jun 30, 2025	00-24868	67-00347
FORTUNE CASINO - RENTON	RENTON	Jan 8, 2015	Jun 30, 2025	00-23339	67-00327
FORTUNE CASINO - TUKWILA	TUKWILA	Oct 8, 2015	Jun 30, 2025	00-23465	67-00329
FORTUNE CASINO LA CENTER	LA CENTER	Apr 9, 1998	Jun 30, 2025	00-16903	67-00010
GOLDIES SHORELINE CASINO	SHORELINE	May 13, 1999	Jun 30, 2025	00-17610	67-00016
GRAND CASINO	SHORELINE	Nov 14, 2024	Jun 30, 2025	00-25290	67-00350
GREAT AMERICAN CASINO/EVERETT	EVERETT	Nov 12, 1998	Jun 30, 2025	00-19513	67-00194
GREAT AMERICAN CASINO/TUKWILA	TUKWILA	Jan 15, 1998	Jun 30, 2025	00-12554	67-00012
IMPERIAL PALACE CASINO	AUBURN	Jan 9, 2003	Jun 30, 2025	00-19477	67-00192
IMPERIAL PALACE CASINO	TUKWILA	May 9, 2024	Jun 30, 2025	00-24893	67-00348
JOKER'S CASINO AND SPORTS BAR	RICHLAND	Nov 12, 1998	Jun 30, 2026	00-15224	67-00006

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Licensed and Operating			35		
	City	Commission Approval Date	License Expiration Date	Org#	License #
LANCER LANES AND CASINO	CLARKSTON	Nov 13, 2008	Jun 30, 2025	00-21681	67-00276
LILAC LANES & CASINO	SPOKANE	Jul 12, 2007	Jun 30, 2025	00-21305	67-00267
MACAU CASINO	LAKEWOOD	Nov 14, 2019	Jun 30, 2025	00-24516	67-00345
NEW PHOENIX	LA CENTER	Oct 6, 2022	Jun 30, 2025	00-24981	67-00349
NOB HILL CASINO	YAKIMA	Sep 12, 2001	Jun 30, 2026	00-13069	67-00173
PAPAS CASINO RESTAURANT & LOUNGE	MOSES LAKE	Aug 13, 1998	Jun 30, 2025	00-02788	67-00004
RC'S AT VALLEY LANES	SUNNYSIDE	Nov 16, 2017	Jun 30, 2025	00-16220	67-00336
RIVERSIDE CASINO	TUKWILA	Aug 14, 2003	Jun 30, 2025	00-19369	67-00187
ROXBURY LANES AND CASINO	SEATTLE	Nov 18, 2004	Jun 30, 2025	00-20113	67-00231
SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/MILL CREEK	MILL CREEK	Sep 9, 2010	Jun 30, 2025	00-22131	67-00302
SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/SEATAC	SEATAC	Sep 9, 2010	Jun 30, 2025	00-22128	67-00299
SLO PITCH PUB & EATERY	BELLINGHAM	Nov 14, 2024	Jun 30, 2025	00-16759	67-00038
WILD GOOSE CASINO	ELLENSBURG	Apr 8, 2004	Jun 30, 2026	00-20009	67-00212

Licensed but Not Currently Operating			8		
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ACE'S POKER TUKWILA	TUKWILA	Nov 14, 2019	Jun 30, 2025	00-24514	67-00344
DRAGON TIGER CASINO MOUNTLAKE TERRACE	MOUNTLAKE TERRACE	Dec 29, 2023	Jun 30, 2025	00-22459	67-00315
EMERALD DOWNS	AUBURN	May 11, 2017	Jun 30, 2025	00-23814	67-00335
LUCKY DRAGONZ CASINO	SEATTLE	Mar 10, 2022	Jun 30, 2025	00-23001	67-00323
MAVERICK CASINO	LAKEWOOD	Dec 26, 2023	Jun 30, 2025	00-16542	67-00028
ROMAN CASINO	SEATTLE	Feb 10, 2000	Jun 30, 2025	00-17613	67-00057
ROYAL CASINO	EVERETT	Sep 9, 2010	Jun 30, 2025	00-22130	67-00301
SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/RENTON	RENTON	Sep 9, 2010	Jun 30, 2025	00-22134	67-00305

Applications Pending			1		
	City	Commission Approval Date	License Expiration Date	Org#	License #
SUAVE RICO'S CANTINA AND CASINO	SEATAC			00-25527	67-00351



Washington State Gambling Commission

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

May 8, 2025

TO: COMMISSIONERS

Alicia Levy, Chair

Sarah Lawson, Vice Chair

Michael Charles Anders Ibsen

VACANT

FROM: Tina Griffin, Executive Director

SUBJECT: May 2025 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Senator Steve Conway Senator Jeff Holy

Representative Shelley Kloba Representative Kevin Waters

<u>IT Modernization - Polaris Project</u>

The goal of the Polaris project is to transform the Gambling Commission's operations with a modern, adaptable system that can grow with the agency's needs and deliver:

- Increased business efficiency
- Improved employee satisfaction, and
- Reduced risk of outdated systems for the agency.

How applicants, licensees, and tribal partners do business with us will change with the implementation of our new IT systems, which we expect to launch in mid-January 2026. MyAccount will have additional features, as well as a whole new look.

We'll send out updates as the project progresses about the new features and functionality and for opportunities to test the system to provide valuable feedback prior to launch.

Highlights of Staff Provided Education and Training

Training and education are important components of our licensing and regulatory programs. Education promotes compliance.

In 2025, staff provided training to well over 400 individuals from various organizations at their request, which included the following:

 Over 20 different training events for licensees and the public were provided to approximately 270 people on such topics as raffles, pull-tabs, fundraising events, and nonprofit licensing requirements. Training events were provided to the Secretary of State's training event for nonprofit organizations, three licensees, the Washington Association of School Business Officials, a Yelm City Council sponsored meeting for nonprofit organizations, and a nonprofit organization.



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- Three high schools, Lincoln HS, Ballard HS, and New Market Skills Center with approximately 85 students in attendance. These were educational sessions on gambling regulations.
- Washington State Animal Control Academy on animal fighting to 45 animal control officers from across the state.
- Two Instructor Development training courses at the Criminal Justice Training for 36 attendees.
- North Border Regional Intelligence Group, which is comprised of various law enforcement agencies from Washington and British Columbia.
- Panel for Women in Law Enforcement at Central Washington University sharing with students the work we do at the Gambling Commission.



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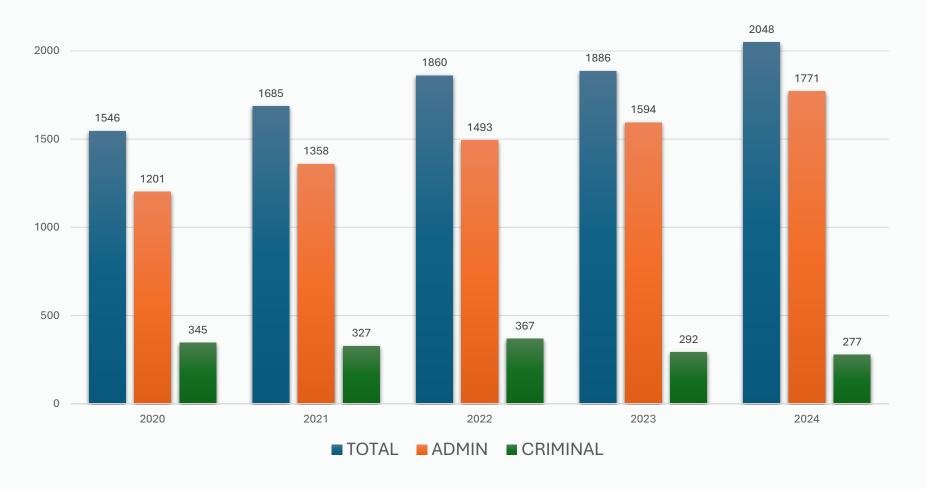
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2024 Crime Specific Statistics

2024 Cooperative Efforts and Trends

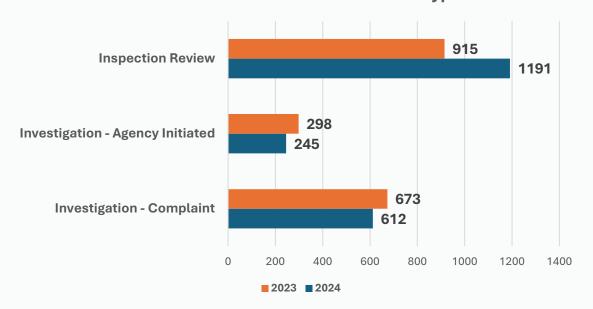
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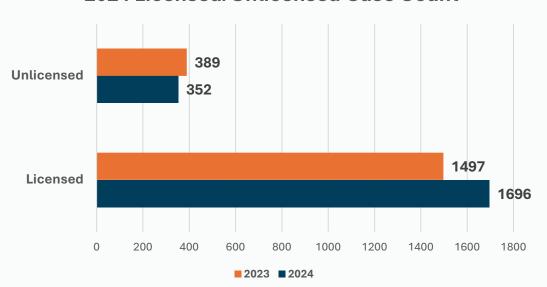




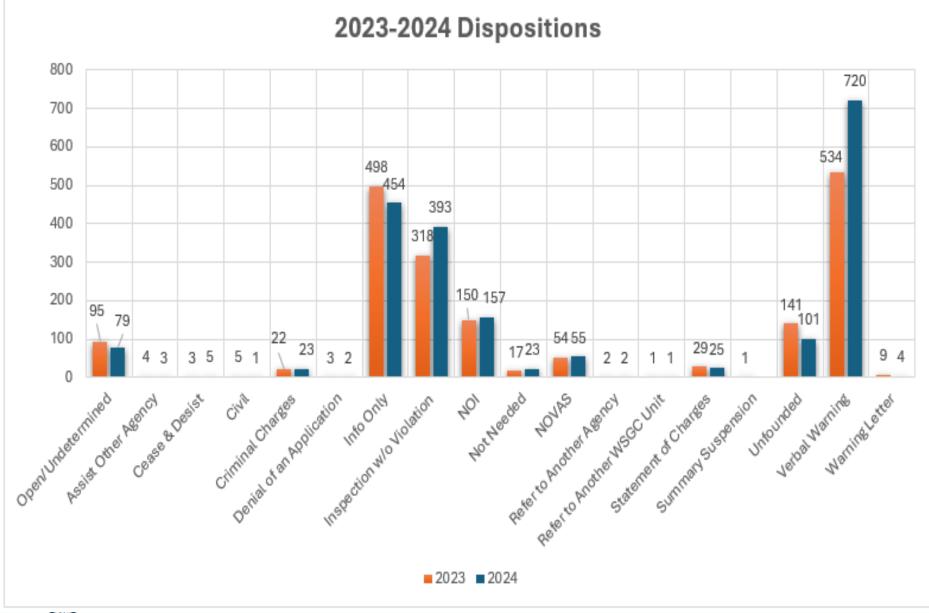
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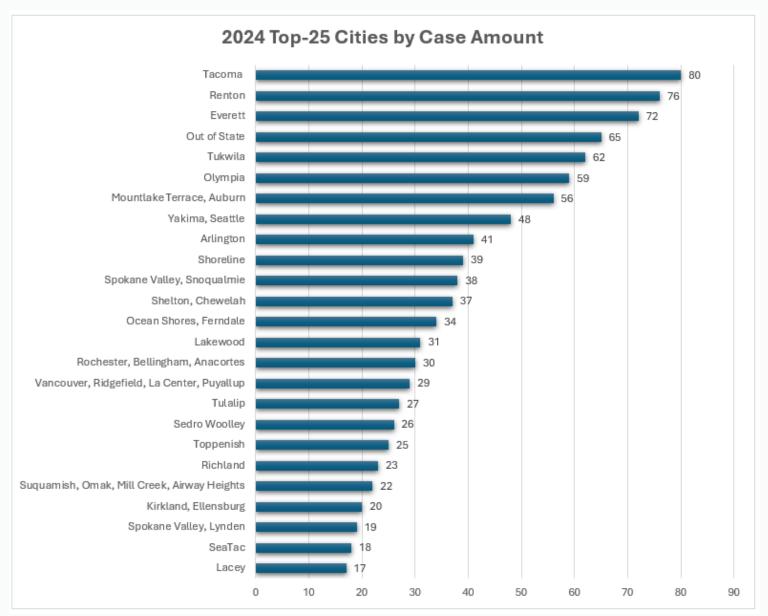
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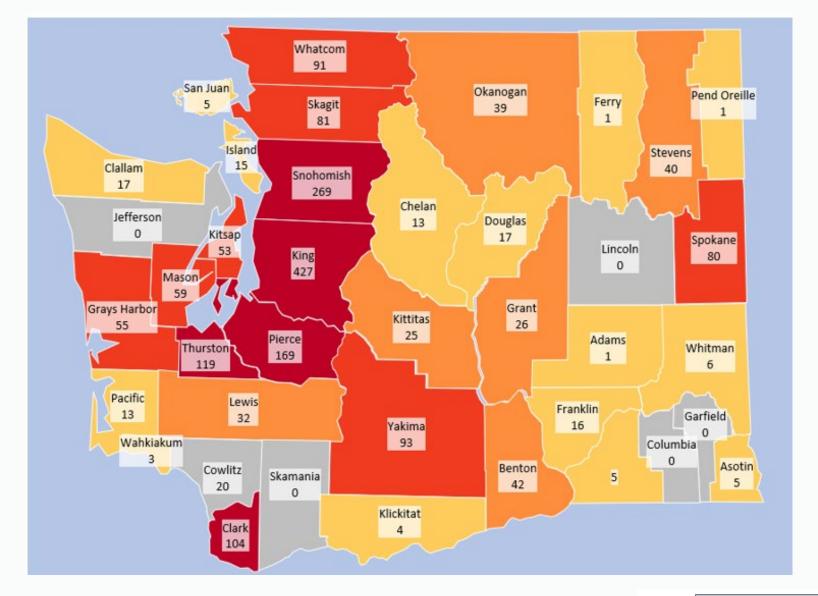








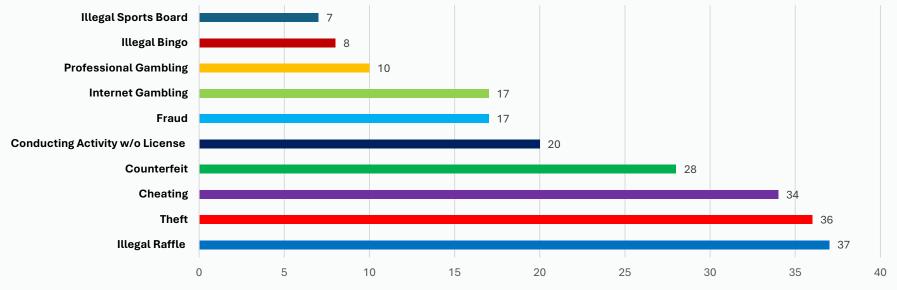




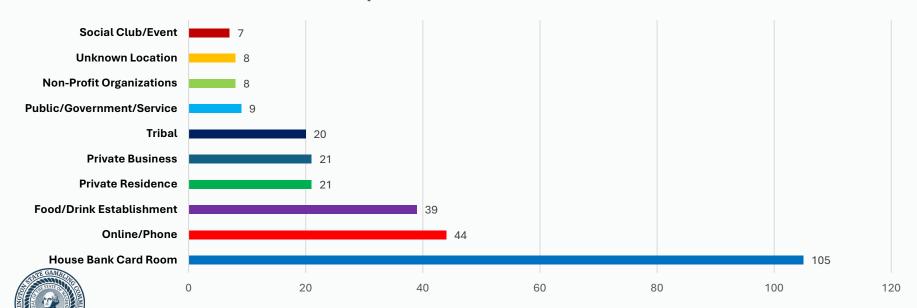


Min.	Max.
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21	50
51	99
100	500

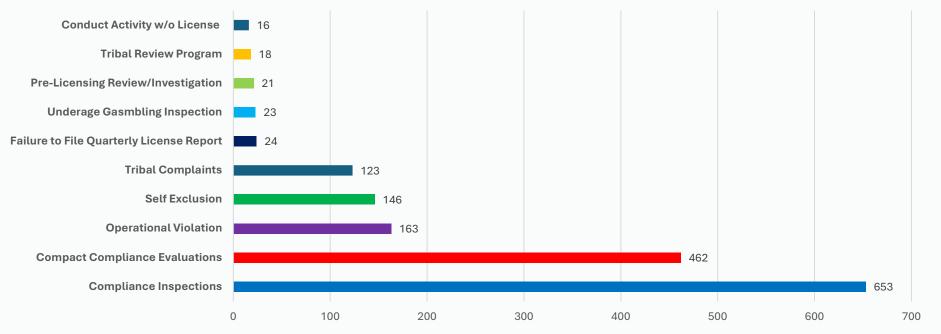
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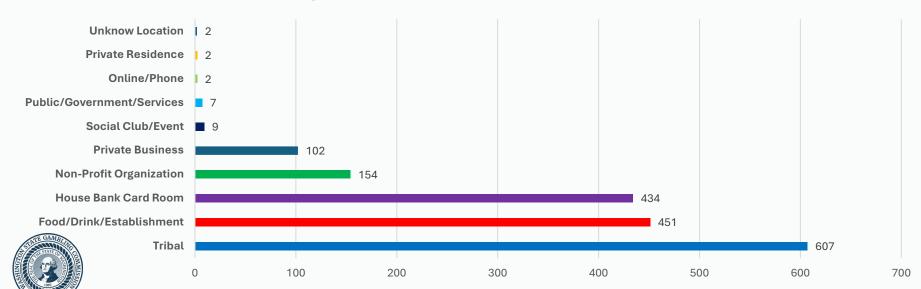
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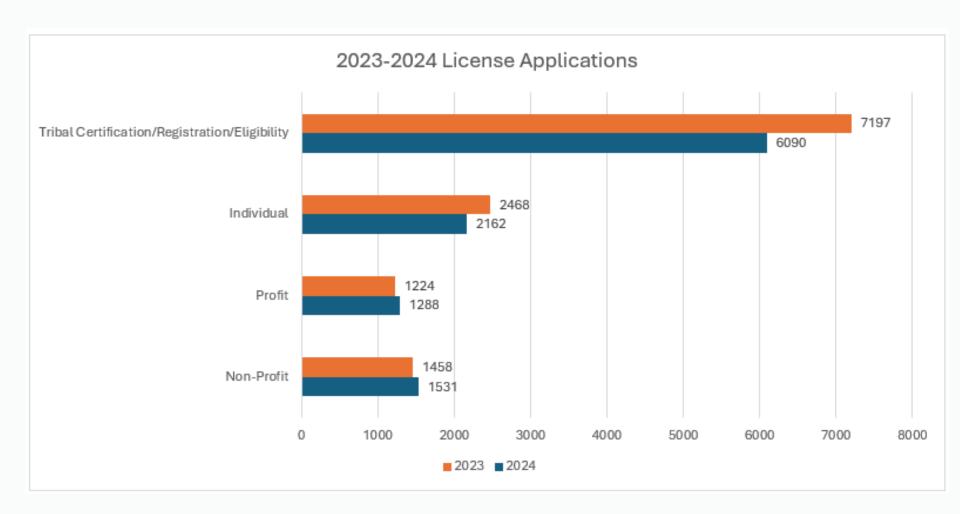


2024 Top-10 Administrative/Civil Case Types



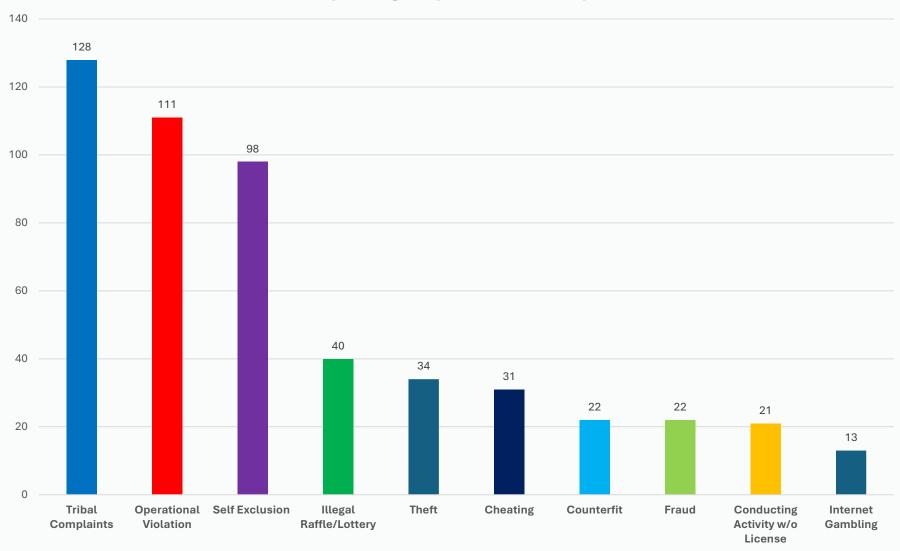
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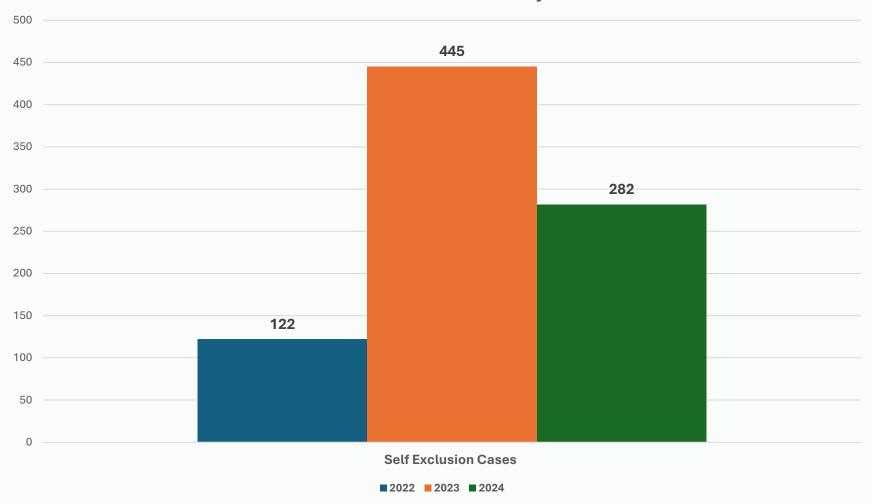


2024 Top-10 Agency Website Complaints



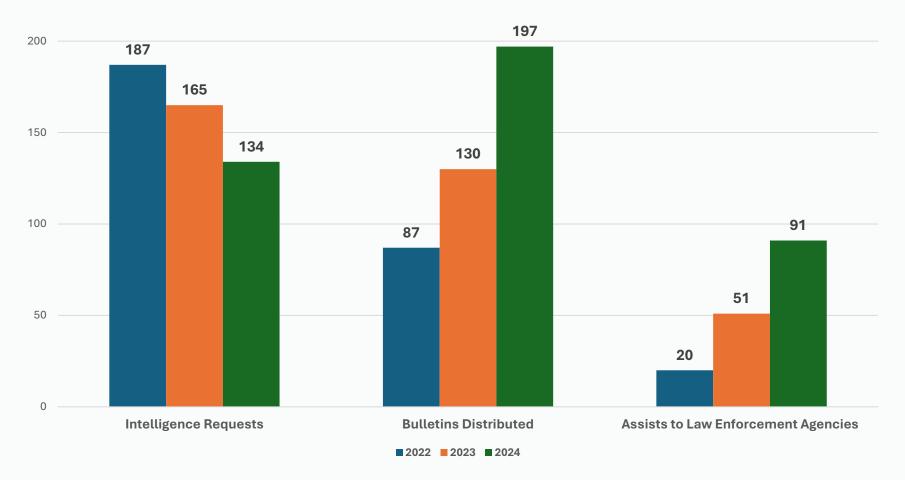


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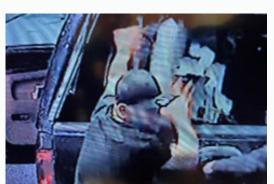








2024 Violent Crimes



- 1/21/24 Follow home robbery
- 1/26/24 Follow Home robbery from Tribal Casino
- 2/1/24 Former Tribal Casino employee wanted for Assault,
 Mal Misch, and Felony Harassment all with DV label
- 2/2/24 Burg suspects leave from Tribal Casino
- 2/6/24 House Banked Cardroom follow home robbery
- 2/16/24 Bank robber gambles away stolen money at Tribal Casino
- 4/2/24 Shooting in parking lot
- 4/10/24 Woman shot in parking lot of cocktail bar
- 4/12/24 Attempted burglary before House Banked Cardroom Banked Cardroom soft opening
- 4/13/24 American Legion Bingo Hall shooting
- 4/16/24 Restaurant shooting turns into murder 2 injured in shooting outside of Bar
- 5/3/24 Bar fight at restaurant leads to deadly shooting
- 7/4/24 Shooting outside of House Banked Cardroom in Renton
- 9/10/24 Stolen vehicles outside of House Banked Cardroom
- 10/26/24 Fighting leads to brandishing a firearm at House Banked Cardroom





Image of Meeker Street Bar & Grill where a 30-year-old man was shot an





Cooperative Success

Successful partnership between the
Washington State Gambling
Commission, Tribal Nation Partners, Law
Enforcement and Licensees

- Sharing of Information
- Speed of Investigation
- Promotes Public Safety
- Builds Trust & Relationships with Partners









Pull-Tab Fraud

- The following county's have seen a rise in pull-tab Fraud:
 - King County
 - > Snohomish County
 - Pierce County

- Fraudulent winning tabs are glued on losing tabs
 - Note: You can spot fakes by looking at the secondary win code, these do not match the master sheet





Casino Cyber Attacks

- March 6th & April 5th, 2024 Cyber attacks targeted WA state Casinos
 - First targeting <u>Tribal Casino 1</u>
 - Then targeting <u>Tribal Casino 2</u>
- <u>Tribal Casino 1</u>: Closed for two days as patrons where unable to access ATMs and other money services
- <u>Tribal Casino 2</u>: Closed for three weeks as investigation took place to determined what scope of the breach was
- WA isn't alone: Illinois casinos, MGM and Ceasars have each been targets of cyber attacks aimed at stealing patron and employee data and demanding ransom



Conclusion

- King County and the I-5 corridor are still the epicenter for violent crime and overall cases but has spread out to Yakima County and Clark County.
- Uptick in fraudulent pull tabs in 2024.
- Cyber attacks on gambling facilities in WA and Nationwide are on the rise.

Recommendations

- More education and awareness to stakeholders regarding counterfeit pull tabs.
- As more gambling activities become legal in other states, WSGC should create more out of state partnerships to proactively stay informed of trends and important issues.





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May 1, 2025

TO: COMMISSIONERS

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VACANT

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Senator Steve Conway Senator Jeff Holy

Representative Shelley Kloba Representative Kevin Waters

FROM: Tricia Gullion, Legislative & Rules Manager

SUBJECT: Potential 2026 Agency Request Legislation Memo

With the 2025 Legislative Session concluding in April, we look forward to the 2026 Legislative Session and begin preparing potential agency request legislation. Below is a timeline if the agency has legislation it would like to move forward in 2026.

DATE ACTION

May 8 Discuss possible agency request legislation topics during the

public meeting.

June 16 Feedback meeting with tribal partners and public to share

possible agency request legislation topics.

July 10 During public meeting, Commissioners determine what

agency request legislative topics staff will prepare to submit to the Governor based on feedback from tribal partners and the

public feedback session.

August 14 During public meeting, Commissioners provide feedback on

draft language and packet materials for proposed agency

request legislation.

September 11 During public meeting, Commissioners vote on agency request

legislation materials to send to Governor for approval.

At the May Commission meeting, we'll share more information regarding topics of consideration which include animal fighting, elder abuse, and athletic player intimidation. Additionally, we will gather the Commissioner's ideas on potential agency request legislation.

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