



**WASHINGTON STATE
GAMBLING COMMISSION
MEETING**

**August 14, 2025
OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON**

Commissioners



Alicia Levy
Chair



Sarah Lawson
Vice Chair



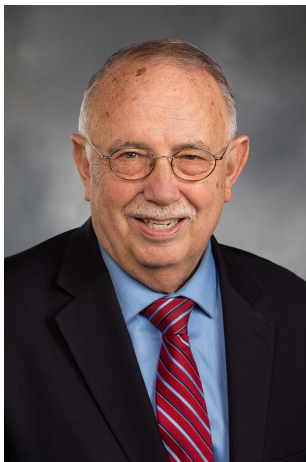
Anders Ibsen



Michael Charles

Vacant

Ex Officios



Senator
Steve Conway



Senator
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Representative
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July 10, 2025

Gambling Commission Meeting Minutes

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

Commissioners:

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

Ex Officio Members Present:

Senator Steve Conway – Virtual
Senator Jeff Holy – Virtual
Representative Shelley Kloba – Virtual
Representative Kevin Waters – Excused

Staff Present:

Tina Griffin, Executive Director; Suzanne Becker, Assistant Attorney General; Jeneva Cotton, Deputy Director; Shannon Moore, Executive Assistant; Adam Amorine, Legal Manager; Melanie Watness, HR Director; Tommy Oakes, Regulation and Enforcement Unit; Freddie Areopagita, ITD; Mark Collier, Special Agent; and Bill Spring, Special Agent

Staff Present Virtually:

Nicole Frazer, Administrative Assistant; Tricia Gullion, Legislative and Policy Manager

There were 7 people in the audience and 24 people attended virtually.

Chair welcomed everyone to the Liquor and Cannabis Board and called the meeting to order at 9:32 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 Levy asked the Commissioners if they had any changes to the consent agenda. They did not. She asked for public comment and there was none.

Commissioner Lawson moved to approve the consent agenda.

Commissioner Ibsen seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously. 4:0

Director's Report

Tina Griffin, Executive Director (ED)

ED Griffin introduced and welcomed our new Human Resource Director Melanie Watness to the Gambling Commission. Melanie has over thirty years of HR experience including other limited jurisdiction law enforcement agencies. ED Griffin noted that the packet contains the latest information on the Disordered Gambling Advisory work group. She also pointed out that Washington State Attorney General (AG) Nick Brown joined the amicus

briefs with over thirty other states AG's and 60 tribes and tribal enterprises to reinstate the state's authority over Kalshi's sports-event contracts from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Tab 2 Proposed Tribal Gaming Compact Amendment Hearing-Lummi Nation

ED Griffin provided an overview of IGRA and the Tribal-State Compact process.

The Honorable Vice Chair Terrance Adams, Councilman Vendean Washington, and Sean Lawrence, Lummi Nation Chairman of the Lummi Gaming Commission, provided background of their tribal gaming in Washington, their regulatory approach, and an overview of the proposed Tribal-State Compact Amendment.

Jonnie Bray, Tribal Advisor, Provided an explanation over the proposed compact amendment changes in detail.

Chair Levy asked for public comments. There were no public comments and there were no written comments received.

Senator Conway made a motion to forward the proposed compact to the Governor.
Commissioner Ibsen seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously. 6:0

Tab 3 Commission Meeting Public Comment Guidelines

ED Griffin presented the Commission Meeting Public Comment Guidelines for consideration to provide clear direction for those seeking to provide public comment on commission meeting agenda items.

Chair Levy asked for public comment. Carter Heald, a resident of Kent, talked about the proposed public guidelines and suggested an extension from the proposed two minutes to three minutes.

Natalie Keister, current resident of Auburn Washington, stated that today they are provided a two-minute timeline for public comment while the norm across the state is three-to-five-minute timeline and urged the commissioners to consider our request to extend the public comment time.

Commissioner Charles made a motion to adopt the amendment to update the public comment guidelines.
Commission Lawson seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously 4.0

Tab 4 Preparing for the 2026 Legislation Session

Tricia Gullion, Legislative and Rules Manager (LRM), revisited staff's proposed topics for agency request legislation in the 2026 session, which addressed animal fighting, addressing the criminal elements of theft from a vulnerable adult, and Commissioner Lawson's proposed changes to the state-wide self-exclusion program.

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LRM Gullion recommended instead the agency focus on preventing future transfers from the gambling revolving fund

Discussion amongst the Commissioners and Ex-Officios centered on exploring the legislative changes regarding animal fighting.

Tab 5 Rules Up for Discussion - Hearing Rules

Adam Amorine, Legal Manager, presented staff's proposed changes to the hearing rules in WAC Chapter 230-17 as requested by the Commissioners in 2023. Staff will be meeting with tribal partners and stakeholders on these proposed rule changes in July.

Chair Levy asked for public comment, Senator Conway had comments on the penalties for animal cruelty and the expansion and costs associated.

Tab 6 Rules Up for Discussion Rules to Implement Polaris

Adam Amorine, Legal Manager, presented the staff's proposed rule changes necessary to implement Polaris, the new IT systems. Listening sessions for feedback on the proposed rules will be later this month, and staff will bring the feedback to the Commissioners next month.

Tab 7 Presentation- State-Wide Self Exclusion Program

Mark Collier, Special Agent with the Regulation and Enforcement Unit. Mark provided a summary of the program that began in 2022 for participants to voluntarily ban themselves from gambling in HBCRs and tribal programs. As of this date, 1,279 participants have enrolled since 2022. One year, three-year, five-year and ten-year enrollment periods are offered for this program.

The chair asked for any questions or comments; there were no comments

Public Comment

Chair Levy asked for any final public comment from virtual attendees and those attending in person.

Carter Heald, resident of Kent, thanked the commission for talking about animal abuse issues. After talking with council members, he felt that HBCRs could help with that issue by allowing sports betting.

Natalie Keister, shared that they were there on behalf of the Washington State Cardroom Ambassadors and those that are struggling with addiction. Ms. Keister asked why a response has been received regarding their letter of June 18th. Chair Levy stated that she did not realize a response requested so Chair Levy will review the letter to see if one is warranted.

At 10:31 AM, Chair Levy adjourned the meeting.



COMMISSION APPROVAL LIST
(New Licenses & Class III Gaming Employees)
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Based upon the licensing investigations, staff recommends approving all new Licenses and Class III employees listed on pages 1 to 20.

ORGANIZATION NAME

LICENSE NUMBER

PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS**BINGO**

AMERICAN LEGION 00072/CHENEY
00-01388 01-01022

116 COLLEGE AVE
CHENEY WA 99004

METROPOLITAN PERFORMING ARTS
00-25609 01-02866

6403 E MILL PLAIN BLVD
VANCOUVER WA 98661

SONS OF NORWAY 00030
00-22663 01-02665

444 SR 409
CATHLAMET WA 98612

RAFFLE

AMERICAN LEGION 00168/AMBOY
00-12899 02-21487

40107 NE 221ST AVE
AMBOY WA 98601

ATLAS FREE
00-25467 02-21449

105 CENTRAL WAY STE 201
KIRKLAND WA 98033

BORDEAUX PTSO
00-23459 02-09566

350 UNIVERSITY AVE
SHELTON WA 98584

ENTRE HERMANOS
00-25672 02-21518

1621 S JACKSON STREET SUITE 202
SEATTLE WA 98144

EVERETT-PT GARDNER ROTARY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
00-25671 02-21517

4730 COLBY AVE
EVERETT WA 98203

FRIENDS OF BIRCH BAY LIBRARY
00-25689 02-21527

4550 BIRCH BAY LYNDEN RD
BLAINE WA 99230

GIRLS ON THE RUN OF PUGET SOUND
00-25698 02-21529

13280 LINDEN AVE N
SEATTLE WA 98109

HUMANE SOCIETY OF MASON COUNTY
00-25620 02-21498

24070 ST RT 3
BELFAIR WA 98528

LEWIS COUNTY GOSPEL MISSION
00-25715 02-21537

72 SW CHEHALIS AVENUE
CHEHALIS WA 98532

LITTLE WHEELS QUARTER MIDGET ASSOCIATION
00-09302 02-21503

21420 MERIDIAN E
GRAHAM WA 98338

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES NORTHWEST
00-25684 02-21524

17710 N DUNN RD
COLBERT WA 99005

METROPOLITAN PERFORMING ARTS
00-25609 02-21523

6403 E MILL PLAIN BLVD
VANCOUVER WA 98661

ORGANIZATION NAME

LICENSE NUMBER

PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS**RAFFLE**

NORTHWEST BATTLE BUDDIES

00-25700 02-21531

15500 SIX PENNY LANE

NEWCASTLE WA 98059

PHEASANTS FOREVER 00311/YAKIMA

00-21525 02-08854

6605 DOUGLAS CT

TIETON WA 98947

PUGET SOUND FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

00-25622 02-21499

20811 84TH AVE S

KENT WA 98064

RICHLAND ROTARY FOUNDATION

00-25701 02-21532

50 COMSTOCK ST

RICHLAND WA 99354

ROTARY CLUB OF UPPER KITTITAS COUNTY FOUNDATION

00-25713 02-21536

115 W 1ST ST

CLE ELUM WA 98922

THE ACADEMY OF SNOHOMISH

00-25514 02-21466

330 UNION AVE

SNOHOMISH WA 98290

VFW 07952/RICHLAND

00-00462 02-09488

1369 GEORGE WASHINGTON WAY

RICHLAND WA 99354

WINTHROP KIWANIS FOUNDATION

00-25633 02-21507

51 N HWY 20

WINTHROP WA 98862

PUNCHBOARD/PULL-TAB COMMERCIAL STIMULANT

ACTION SPORTS BAR SUMNER

00-25469 05-21915

17136 SR 410 E

SUMNER WA 98391

BIG LAKE BAR & GRILL

00-25412 05-21907

18247 SR 9

MOUNT VERNON WA 98274

EVELYN'S

00-25610 05-21952

12667 SR 9

CLEAR LAKE WA 98235

NEON MOON

00-25621 05-21955

5028 N MARKET

SPOKANE WA 99217

NORTH BOUND

00-25500 05-21926

415 W HASTINGS RD

SPOKANE WA 99218-2876

PUB 282

00-25640 05-21961

370 NE CAMANO DR

CAMANO ISLAND WA 98282

TT'S OLD IRON BREWERY

00-25675 05-21965

4110 S BOWDISH

SPOKANE VALLEY WA 99206

ORGANIZATION NAME

LICENSE NUMBER

PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS**MANUFACTURER**AGS LLC
20-00282 20-002826775 S EDMOND ST STE 300
LAS VEGAS NV 89118EVERI GAMES INC.
20-00279 20-00279206 WILD BASIN RD S STE BLDG B
AUSTIN TX 78746EVERI PAYMENTS INC
20-00280 20-002807250 S TENAYA WAY STE 100
LAS VEGAS NV 89113IGT
20-00278 20-002786355 S BUFFALO DR
LAS VEGAS NV 89113**DISTRIBUTOR**AGS LLC
21-00323 21-003236775 S EDMOND ST STE 300
LAS VEGAS NV 89118**COMMERCIAL AMUSEMENT GAMES OPERATOR**CASINO CARIBBEAN
00-24512 53-2159312526 NE 144TH ST
KIRKLAND WA 98034PLAYER ONE AMUSEMENT GROUP
00-25645 53-215892318 PECAN CT
HALTOM CITY TX 76117**NON HOUSE-BANKED CARD GAME**NEON MOON
00-25621 65-075635028 N MARKET
SPOKANE WA 99217**MAJOR SPORTS WAGERING VENDOR**IGT
10-00664 81-000196355 S BUFFALO DRIVE
LAS VEGAS NV 89113**MID-LEVEL SPORTS WAGERING VENDOR**IGT
10-00664 82-000356355 S BUFFALO DRIVE
LAS VEGAS NV 89113

ORGANIZATION NAME

LICENSE NUMBER

PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

ANCILLARY SPORTS WAGERING VENDOR

IGT
10-00664 83-00043

6355 S BUFFALO DRIVE
LAS VEGAS NV 89113

PERSON'S NAME
LICENSE NUMBER

EMPLOYER'S NAME
PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS**DISTRIBUTOR REPRESENTATIVE**

SIVANISH, MARCUS P
22-00753

SPOKANE PULLTAB & BINGO SUPPLY
SPOKANE WA 99202

MANUFACTURER REPRESENTATIVE

BABU, SUSHMITHA
23-04137

LIGHT & WONDER
LAS VEGAS NV 89119

BLANCHET, SEBASTIEN G
23-04134

BLUBERI GAMING CANADA INC
DRUMMONDVILLE QC J2C 4L2

HOLLIDAY, STEPHEN K
23-04141

ARISTOCRAT TECHNOLOGIES INC
LAS VEGAS NV 89135

HOLMES, DALLAS R
23-04136

ARISTOCRAT TECHNOLOGIES INC
LAS VEGAS NV 89135

HOWTON, JAMES E JR
23-01271

IGT
LAS VEGAS NV 89113

HUCK, BRIAN J
23-04121

AINSWORTH GAME TECHNOLOGY INC
LAS VEGAS NV 89118

KUKENHEIM, SERACH
23-04142

EVERI PAYMENTS INC
LAS VEGAS NV 89113

LINDSEY, ROTONYA M
23-03891

IGT
LAS VEGAS NV 89113

MORALES, TOBIAS
23-04140

AINSWORTH GAME TECHNOLOGY INC
LAS VEGAS NV 89118

RAVISANKAR, NARESH KUMAR
23-04138

LIGHT & WONDER
LAS VEGAS NV 89119

SCHROEDER, JONATHON L
23-04139

EVERI GAMES INC.
AUSTIN TX 78746

SHAW, MICHAEL L
23-04135

AGS LLC
LAS VEGAS NV 89118

SPACH, CHRIS P
23-04143

EVERI PAYMENTS INC
LAS VEGAS NV 89113

STOKES, BRENDAN J
23-04144

EVERI PAYMENTS INC
LAS VEGAS NV 89113

PERSON'S NAME
LICENSE NUMBER

EMPLOYER'S NAME
PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS**MANUFACTURER REPRESENTATIVE**

TALAMANTES, AIRYN J
23-04119

AINSWORTH GAME TECHNOLOGY INC
LAS VEGAS NV 89118

TAYLOR, JOSEPH M
23-04132

ECLIPSE GAMING SYSTEMS
DULUTH GA 30096

TREJO, ALEXIS M
23-04120

AINSWORTH GAME TECHNOLOGY INC
LAS VEGAS NV 89118

MAJOR SPORTS WAGERING REPRESENTATIVE

APOSTOLOF, CHRISTOPHER D
33-00717

CAESARS SPORTSBOOK
LAS VEGAS NV 89118

LEWIS, JAMES
33-00714

CAESARS SPORTSBOOK
LAS VEGAS NV 89118

MORA, VENKATAREDDY
33-00709

BETMG M LLC
JERSEY CITY NJ 07311

MUSTAFAI, EDLIR
33-00710

BETMG M LLC
JERSEY CITY NJ 07311

OSPINO, PIO J
33-00711

BETMG M LLC
JERSEY CITY NJ 07311

OTT, SHAWN A
33-00719

CAESARS SPORTSBOOK
LAS VEGAS NV 89118

NON-PROFIT GAMBLING MANAGER

BLACK, DONNA J
61-04920

BPOE 01181/BREMERTON
BREMERTON WA 98310

FRUGE, DANIEL J II
61-04924

FOE 03338/EPHRATA
EPHRATA WA 98823

KAIN, PATRICIA A
61-04756

BPOE 02524/FORKS
FORKS WA 98331

SCHRADER-BUTTELO, JULIE
61-04866

FOE 02218/CHELAN
CHELAN WA 98816

SHJERVEN, TOM G
61-04922

FOE 02933/TACOMA
TACOMA WA 98409-5927

PERSON'S NAME
LICENSE NUMBER

EMPLOYER'S NAME
PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS**NON-PROFIT GAMBLING MANAGER**

WALTERS, JODELLE M
61-04919

FOE 00026/WALLA WALLA
WALLA WALLA WA 99362-3035

WHITE, JAMES M
61-04923

FOE 00195/SNOHOMISH
SNOHOMISH WA 98290

SERVICE SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE

HASTINGS, ROBERT Y
63-01193

MAVERICK WASHINGTON
KIRKLAND WA 98034

LEWIS, JILLIAN A
63-01195

CBN LOTTERY & GAMING INC
WILMINGTON DE 19808

LOWERY, AUSTIN M
63-01197

MARNELL GAMING MANAGEMENT LL
LAS VEGAS NV 89119

VAN DYK, NICHOLAS T
63-01196

MARNELL GAMING MANAGEMENT LL
LAS VEGAS NV 89119

CARD ROOM EMPLOYEE

AGA-MORASH, HOWARD-ISAIAH T
68-38028

B

FORTUNE CASINO - RENTON
RENTON WA 98055

CARPENTER, JAMES P
68-29499

B

SLO PITCH PUB & EATERY
BELLINGHAM WA 98225

CHAN, RATH
68-38017

B

DESERT BLUFFS POKER ROOM
KENNEWICK WA 99352

CHHUN, SU MEANG
68-17669

B

MACAU CASINO
LAKEWOOD WA 98499-4457

CLIFFORD, KACI L
68-38022

B

CASINO CARIBBEAN
YAKIMA WA 98901

CONQUEST, MEDEA T
68-38021

B

RIVERSIDE CASINO
TUKWILA WA 98168

EUBANKS, MARKUS E
68-38024

B

ALL STAR CASINO
SILVERDALE WA 98383

FETAUI, ABNER C
68-38033

B

IMPERIAL PALACE CASINO
AUBURN WA 98002

PERSON'S NAME
LICENSE NUMBER

EMPLOYER'S NAME
PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

CARD ROOM EMPLOYEE

FUNKHAUSER, MARK H 68-38029	B	NEW PHOENIX LA CENTER WA 98629
HOHENSCHUH, JENNIFER L 68-14748	B	FORTUNE CASINO - LACEY LACEY WA 98516
HUBBARD, KIARRA M 68-38018	B	LILAC LANES & CASINO SPOKANE WA 99208-7393
JOHNSON, JACOB L 68-31862	B	FORTUNE CASINO LA CENTER LA CENTER WA 98629
JONES, MARQUES B 68-38032	B	PAPAS CASINO RESTAURANT & LOUNGE MOSES LAKE WA 98837
JONES, TYLER W 68-38026	B	FORTUNE CASINO - TUKWILA TUKWILA WA 98168
LOPEZ, CHRYSTAL A 68-36174	B	SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/SEATAC SEATAC WA 98188
MCGREW, RYAN J 68-38014	B	ACE'S POKER MOUNTLAKE TERRACE WA 98043
NGUYEN, THUY C 68-29107	B	ROXBURY LANES AND CASINO SEATTLE WA 98126
PROTASOV, SERGEY V 68-38034	B	FORTUNE CASINO - TUKWILA TUKWILA WA 98168
RODRIGUEZ, KHAMRYN J 68-38031	B	COYOTE BOB'S CASINO KENNEWICK WA 99336
ROGERS, RILEY S 68-36072	B	ALL STAR CASINO SILVERDALE WA 98383
STYLER, KAI N 68-38023	B	WILD GOOSE CASINO ELLENSBURG WA 98926
TEM, MAO 68-35182	B	DESERT BLUFFS POKER ROOM KENNEWICK WA 99352
THEROUX, DELIA S 68-38016	B	FORTUNE POKER RENTON WA 98057
THIESSEN, BRYAN P 68-37789	B	FORTUNE CASINO - LACEY LACEY WA 98516

PERSON'S NAME
LICENSE NUMBER

EMPLOYER'S NAME
PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

CARD ROOM EMPLOYEE

VARGAS MARIN, JUAN A 68-38025	B	CASINO CARIBBEAN YAKIMA WA 98901
VOELKER, RYAN J 68-36592	B	LILAC LANES & CASINO SPOKANE WA 99208-7393
WITSOE, WARREN W 68-22726	B	CARIBBEAN CARDROOM KIRKLAND WA 98034
WORKMAN, NOAH J 68-38027	A	DESERT BLUFFS POKER ROOM KENNEWICK WA 99352

PERSON'S NAME

CERTIFICATION / ELIGIBILITY NUMBER

NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

CHEHALIS CONFEDERATED TRIBES

BRANDT, GRANT T
69-59038

EWEN, JAMES A
69-59039

NAKANO-JUAREZ, CHANCE M
69-54262

QUAGLIESI, IAN A
69-58902

ROWTON-OUILLIN, KAZZLER W
69-59028

RUYMANN, DEREK V
69-59026

TORRES, MARTIN
69-59027

VASSAR, JONATHAN T
69-59030

WHALEY, CHRISTOPHER R
69-58944

COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

BIGWOLF-FINK, LORETTA J
69-56131

COMESLAST-SORRIONO, AMANDA L
69-58960

ESPANA, ALVEN A
69-58988

GRAY, MAJORIE R
69-58959

JENKINS, STEPHEN M
69-58989

MENDOZA-BLANCO, JONATHAN N
69-58990

PALMANTEER, TAYLOR R
69-58962

PIERCE, AYDEN J
69-58961

RODRIGUEZ, CARLOS J
69-58958

VELASQUEZ, EDUARDO A
69-58957

WADDELL, ROSE M
69-53023

PERSON'S NAME

CERTIFICATION / ELIGIBILITY NUMBER

NEW APPLICATIONS**CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE****COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE**ADAMS, TAYLOR P
69-56892ALLGOOD, MICHEALA E
69-50395BOYNTON, DAMON D
69-59023BROWN, ALEXIS O
69-58994CHIU, CHIA FENG
69-58935CRAIN, ANNA M
69-58954D'CARPIO, SHANA M
69-58968EYLE, LARISSA M
69-58912HILBURN, JUSTIN M
69-58914IBLINGS, JOEL R
69-58894LANDINO, VERONICA
69-58998MCKAY, KAILEY E
69-58929NEWELL, GERALD R
69-58969PIKE, MARK T
69-58892RAI, BHARAT
69-58904REYNOSA, CHRISTIAN E
69-58906SAMONTRY, MILANI
69-58975SANGGACALA, NASSEF F
69-58919SHANNON, WILLIAM D
69-58907VILDOSOLA, VICENTE G
69-47952WELLS, RICHARD A
69-58993WILKINSON, NICHOLAS J
69-58965**KALISPEL TRIBE**ALVARADO, ANTHONY A
69-47009BROWN, CRYSTAL L
69-58972

PERSON'S NAME

CERTIFICATION / ELIGIBILITY NUMBER

NEW APPLICATIONS**CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE****KALISPEL TRIBE**DANIX, DARIAN P
69-58973ELLER, GABRIEL P
69-58893FRANKLIN, PARKER K
69-51615JONES, MIRANDA N
69-59035LINNELL, CHRISTOPHER L
69-59062PAKOOTAS, NICHOLAS P
69-59034PETERS, BRITTANY M
69-58945REICKARD, JUDY D
69-58970VERHAAG, TIFFANY C
69-58946**LUMMI NATION**BALLEW, PAUL L JR
69-58879BROCKIE, TRAVIS C JR
69-17687COCHRAN, LINDA M
69-58886EARLEY, OWEN J
69-59000JAMES, MICHAEL R
69-58883JEFFERSON, DEAROUSH A
69-58885JUAREZ, FIDELINA M
69-58880KAMKOFF, ANDREA N
69-58884KINLEY, BILLIE J
69-04508LANDWERT, TODD A
69-58854LOVE, ZION
69-13257LUCERO, ASHLEY D
69-58882MEJIA LOPEZ, MARCOS
69-59061OLSEN, TRACEY M
69-54881

PERSON'S NAME

CERTIFICATION / ELIGIBILITY NUMBER

NEW APPLICATIONS**CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE****LUMMI NATION**PEARS, MELISA C
69-59016REVEY-JACOBS, ROSALEE M
69-58878RUCKEY, STEPHEN E
69-58999STUMP, MELINDA L
69-58881VO, THUY-HIEN T
69-58887YORK, TEESHA S
69-58798**MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN TRIBE**ALEXANDER, LAMANDA S
69-58979BISCONTIN, STEVEN M
69-48743BROWER, ARHON M
69-45382BURROWS, ALYSA S
69-58991DOCTROVE, NATHANIEL P
69-59076GURUNG, SUJAN
69-58928HEUVEL, JACOB M
69-59043JANSEN, MARCIA L
69-58980NEMECIO-CONTRERAS, MARIA A
69-58927NIMER, JAIRA J
69-48335PANOCILLO, JAMIE J JR
69-59073POWELL, LANCE A
69-59075REED, SERENITY M
69-58992RIEDL, NEAL J
69-59044SANDERS, MORGAN D
69-58926SPIVEY, HARLEY P
69-59045SUTTON, ALYSSA K
69-56985TRAN, TOM Q
69-39092

PERSON'S NAME

CERTIFICATION / ELIGIBILITY NUMBER

NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN TRIBE

VARRELLI, DUSTIN F
69-58814

WENTZ, KATHERINE A
69-58978

YIN, SOTERRA N
69-59074

NISQUALLY INDIAN TRIBE

BAMER, SONNY L
69-58974

CHARETTE, IZABELLA A
69-58909

DANIEL, HOLLIS R
69-58903

ELVIG, JACK F JR
69-58868

NELSON, LUKE A
69-31355

WALKER MAUTZ, TYLER J
69-58869

WOOD, JASON L
69-58910

NOOKSACK INDIAN TRIBE

KENTNER, CARRIE J
69-04768

PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE

ALGER, GABRIEL B
69-58915

BIGGS, ADAM R
69-58952

BLATCHLEY, KYLE J
69-58916

BORG, YVONNE N
69-58983

GALLION MONTALVO, LACEE L
69-59021

GORHAM-ROBERTS, ZANE A
69-58851

GOTIER, RAINE E
69-59052

GOULD, CHRISTOPHER J
69-58981

PERSON'S NAME

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NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE

HALL, JUSTIN D
69-58982

LUCAS, DONALD L
69-58951

MENTZER, JOSHUA E
69-59050

NEWKIRK, CHRISTEN G
69-59049

PARKER, CHRISTINE
69-20093

SIMONS, TRISTAN K
69-58861

WRIGHTSMAN, JO'MESE R
69-58950

PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS

ADAMS, ANALYSA M
69-51518

BARKEY, RHONDA L
69-58977

BLANCHARD, PATRICK R
69-58943

FLORES, ANNIE R
69-58918

GIBBS, NOAH G
69-58976

HISCOTT, DEBRA L
69-50695

IM, CHANDY
69-25849

LACSINA, CARYL K
69-59007

LEWIS, TAMMY N
69-21717

MEAS, LISA
69-59068

MOGES, KONJO A
69-45081

MOWAT, VANESSA A
69-22575

ROGERS, JORDAN L
69-59025

SHIELS, JACKSON S
69-31874

TODD, MICHAEL S JR
69-59064

VIENA, LAWRENCE L JR
69-58871

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CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS

WROLSON, JASON M
69-53188

QUINULT NATION

BROWN, JULIUS M
69-59006

MAYS, DEANDRE D
69-58953

SKOKOMISH TRIBE

HASKINS, CATHERINE J
69-58911

HENSLEY, JOSHUA D
69-59019

MURPHY, BRYNN P
69-58877

SNYDER, NICKALUS S
69-58948

SNOQUALMIE TRIBE

BERRY, CINDY M
69-51644

CHEN, YANYI
69-58825

DRIVER, ANDREW F
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HAYES, JONATHAN P
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HEBBELER, KYLE J
69-58987

HOLMES, BENJAMIN E
69-59012

HUNDAHL, PHILIP R
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IBARRA-DEGONZALEZ, ISABEL C
69-59013

KENDALL, SPENCER M
69-58901

MEI, SHUYAN
69-59037

SPOKANE TRIBE

BROWN, DEIJA L
69-58984

BROWN, TOMMY J III
69-59005

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69-59020GOSS, AMBER L
69-58963GUSTAFSON, STEVEN C
69-58897KIRBY, KOLBY J
69-59002MARCONI, ISAIAH V
69-58898MEYER, LAURA E
69-58920MILLER, RYAN C
69-59004MYERS, DEANA M
69-58917QUALLS, PERRIN A
69-53690RANCOURT, KRISTOPHER T
69-59018REESE, WILLOUARIUS L
69-58899SIMON, GREGORY M
69-58964STALEY, DESTINY R
69-58900TAYLOR, BRIANNA L
69-58947VAUGHN, DENISE L
69-58967**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE**ALEXANDER, SARAH E
69-58826CHARTIER, KYONE R
69-59024DORLAND, STEVEN M
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69-59031MCCAIN, RAVEN D
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69-58864NEWTON-FOSTER, JERROD J
69-35692ORTEGA, KIMBERLY A
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69-58832SIMON, STEPHANIE
69-48108WILLDEN, EILEEN M
69-55712**SWINOMISH INDIAN TRIBAL COMMUNITY**CAYOU, DANIEL J
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69-58996DIMAGGIO, MOIRA
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69-58863HANSON, COLE G
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69-59008KENNEBREW, VANESSA D
69-59010LAKEWOOD, VERONICCA M
69-59058LEIGH, DAYNON G
69-47858MACIAS, CARLOS A
69-58971MANUELITO, ULRIC A
69-58931MIRANDA, JOSHUA L
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69-58932NELAND, JADYN L
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69-59057PARKHURST, NATHAN L
69-58938PTACEK, TIMOTHY R
69-59015RAINES, DAEMION A
69-59054RIEDEL, MAX U
69-53856TAYLOR, ETHAN J
69-59033WAEI, EDNA T
69-54253WILLIAMS-JUNEAU, ANDREA L
69-05557

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CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

THE TULALIP TRIBES

ZUCATI, MARRIZA L
69-58933

UPPER SKAGIT INDIAN TRIBE

AIRMAN, JEFFREY B
69-58925

LORENZ, RAYANNE K
69-58923

OBRASTOFF, ETHAN T
69-59065

TORRES, JAYCE D
69-59066

YOUNG, RICHARD W II
69-59067



HOUSE-BANKED PUBLIC CARD ROOM REPORT

Licensed and Operating			34		
	City	Commission Approval Date	License Expiration Date	Org #	License #
ALL STAR CASINO	SILVERDALE	Jan 14, 1999	Jun 30, 2026	00-18357	67-00058
BLACK PEARL RESTAURANT & CARD ROOM	SPOKANE VALLEY	Jan 10, 2013	Jun 30, 2026	00-22440	67-00321
BUZZ INN STEAKHOUSE/EAST WENATCHEE	EAST WENATCHEE	Oct 10, 2002	Jun 30, 2026	00-11170	67-00183
CARIBBEAN CARDROOM	KIRKLAND	Nov 14, 2019	Jun 30, 2026	00-24515	67-00343
CASINO CARIBBEAN	KIRKLAND	Nov 14, 2019	Jun 30, 2026	00-24512	67-00341
CASINO CARIBBEAN	YAKIMA	Nov 14, 2019	Jun 30, 2026	00-24513	67-00342
CHIPS CASINO/LAKEWOOD	LAKEWOOD	Apr 8, 1999	Jun 30, 2026	00-17414	67-00020
CLEARWATER SALOON & CASINO	EAST WENATCHEE	Feb 14, 2019	Jun 30, 2026	00-24296	67-00339
COYOTE BOB'S CASINO	KENNEWICK	Jul 10, 2009	Jun 30, 2026	00-21848	67-00282
CRAZY MOOSE CASINO II	MOUNTLAKE TERRACE	Jul 10, 2009	Jun 30, 2026	00-21849	67-00283
CRAZY MOOSE CASINO/PASCO	PASCO	Jul 10, 2009	Jun 30, 2026	00-21847	67-00281
FORTUNE CASINO - LACEY	LACEY	Jul 14, 2022	Jun 30, 2026	00-24868	67-00347
FORTUNE CASINO - RENTON	RENTON	Jan 8, 2015	Jun 30, 2026	00-23339	67-00327
FORTUNE CASINO - TUKWILA	TUKWILA	Oct 8, 2015	Jun 30, 2026	00-23465	67-00329
FORTUNE CASINO LA CENTER	LA CENTER	Apr 9, 1998	Jun 30, 2026	00-16903	67-00010
GOLDIES SHORELINE CASINO	SHORELINE	May 13, 1999	Jun 30, 2026	00-17610	67-00016
GRAND CASINO	SHORELINE	Nov 14, 2024	Jun 30, 2026	00-25290	67-00350
GREAT AMERICAN CASINO/EVERETT	EVERETT	Nov 12, 1998	Jun 30, 2026	00-19513	67-00194
GREAT AMERICAN CASINO/TUKWILA	TUKWILA	Jan 15, 1998	Jun 30, 2026	00-12554	67-00012
IMPERIAL PALACE CASINO	AUBURN	Jan 9, 2003	Jun 30, 2026	00-19477	67-00192
IMPERIAL PALACE CASINO	TUKWILA	May 9, 2024	Jun 30, 2026	00-24893	67-00348
JOKER'S CASINO AND SPORTS BAR	RICHLAND	Nov 12, 1998	Jun 30, 2026	00-15224	67-00006

Licensed and Operating			34		
	City	Commission Approval Date	License Expiration Date	Org #	License #
LANCER LANES AND CASINO	CLARKSTON	Nov 13, 2008	Jun 30, 2026	00-21681	67-00276
LILAC LANES & CASINO	SPOKANE	Jul 12, 2007	Jun 30, 2026	00-21305	67-00267
MACAU CASINO	LAKEWOOD	Nov 14, 2019	Jun 30, 2026	00-24516	67-00345
NEW PHOENIX	LA CENTER	Oct 6, 2022	Jun 30, 2026	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, 2026	00-02788	67-00004
RIVERSIDE CASINO	TUKWILA	Aug 14, 2003	Jun 30, 2026	00-19369	67-00187
ROXBURY LANES AND CASINO	SEATTLE	Nov 18, 2004	Jun 30, 2026	00-20113	67-00231
SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/MILL CREEK	MILL CREEK	Sep 9, 2010	Jun 30, 2026	00-22131	67-00302
SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/SEATAC	SEATAC	Sep 9, 2010	Jun 30, 2026	00-22128	67-00299
SLO PITCH PUB & EATERY	BELLINGHAM	Nov 14, 2024	Jun 30, 2026	00-16759	67-00038
WILD GOOSE CASINO	ELLENSBURG	Apr 8, 2004	Jun 30, 2026	00-20009	67-00212

Licensed but Not Currently Operating			4		
	City	Commission Approval Date	License Expiration Date	Org #	License #
ACE'S POKER TUKWILA	TUKWILA	Nov 14, 2019	Jun 30, 2026	00-24514	67-00344
EMERALD DOWNS	AUBURN	May 11, 2017	Jun 30, 2026	00-23814	67-00335
MAVERICK CASINO	LAKEWOOD	Dec 26, 2023	Jun 30, 2026	00-16542	67-00028
ROMAN CASINO	SEATTLE	Feb 10, 2000	Jun 30, 2026	00-17613	67-00057



Washington State Gambling Commission

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

August 14, 2025

TO: COMMISSIONERS

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FROM: Tina Griffin, Executive Director

SUBJECT: August 2025 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

IT Modernization Project

Since 2023, staff across the agency have devoted a great deal of time determining business requirements to replace our legacy licensing, case reporting, timekeeping, and billing systems. The My Account site used today will look much different when we replace our internal systems in January 2026.

For our partners and customers, this means **more payment options, increased security, more efficient communication, and clarity with your submissions.**

Benefits for applicants and licensees:

- **More online:** Moving nearly all applications and submissions online – less paper errors or mail delays.
 - Mail in payment will still be available.
- **More payment options:** People will be able to pay with debit, credit and bank transfers. In addition, anyone will be able to pay with a credit card instead of being limited to one user.
 - **One payment for all licenses** instead of separate payments.
- **Expanded user access:** Organizations will be able to have multiple users in MyAccount, instead of just one user as it is now.
- **Less emails:** Secure document uploads and secure messaging through MyAccount will provide more efficiency in communications with Gambling Commission. In addition, licensees can initiate a message, instead of waiting for a secure message from the agency. Multiple document formats will be allowed for uploading.
- **Expanded invoice visibility:** More invoices and history will be available for review.
- **Know the status:** Applications and submissions will be tracked in real-time, so people know where things are at.
- **Account switching:** Users can easily switch between different businesses for work with Gambling Commission.

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Benefits for tribal partners:

- **Payment flexibility:** Tribes will be able to submit applications and pay separately by mail or online. This is a big benefit and inability to do this has been a reason some tribes aren't yet online but now will be able to move online.
 - In addition, anyone will be able to pay with a credit card.
- **Skip the mail:** Tribes will save time and money going online instead of spending money on postage and waiting for snail mail.
- **Expanded user access:** Organizations will be able to have multiple users in MyAccount, instead of just one user as it is now.
- **Less emails:** Secure document uploads and secure messaging through MyAccount will provide more efficiency in communications with Gambling Commission. In addition, tribes can initiate a message, instead of waiting for a secure message from the agency. Multiple document formats will be allowed for uploading.
- **Know the status:** Submissions will be tracked in real time, so everyone knows where things are at.

Replacing these systems is crucial for the agency to be able to sustain ongoing operations and provide efficient, effective licensing, regulatory, and enforcement services.

We are currently in the development and testing phase. We've already started requesting volunteer testers outside the agency to join us in testing in the late fall. We are also planning training for internal and external users on the use of MyAccount and the other new features available online to applicants, licensees, and tribal partners later this year.

Illegal Offshore Gaming Operations

On August 4, 2025, Attorney General Nick Brown, along with 49 other attorneys general, issued a letter to US Attorney General Pam Bondi requesting the US Department of Justice prioritize enforcement against the rampant spread of illegal offshore gaming operations.

The letter, which is attached, states these offshore entities routinely operate without proper licensure, offer-limited or non-existent consumer protections, and fail to verify user age, and ignore state boundaries.

The illegal gambling operations expose state residents, especially vulnerable adults and young people, to fraudulent schemes and addictive gambling activity without oversight, accountability, or protection. These entities operate outside of the state regulated markets and have been linked to illegal activity, such as money laundering and human trafficking.

Attachment:

Letter dated August 4, 2025, from the National Association of Attorneys General to US Attorney General Pam Bondi

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August 4, 2025

The Honorable Pamela Bondi
United States Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20530

Submitted via email

Dear Attorney General Bondi:

We, the undersigned State Attorneys General, write to request assistance from the United States Department of Justice ("USDOJ") to address the rampant spread of illegal offshore gaming operations across the United States. Our States have heard reports concerning growth in the illicit offshore gambling markets that could be harming our citizens. While we as States do all we can to protect our citizens, such unlawful enterprises undermine the rule of law, threaten consumer protection, and deprive our States of significant tax revenues and economic benefits. We seek the USDOJ's cooperation in ensuring these companies are brought to justice to the fullest extent available under state and federal law, both criminal and civil, for any potential violations.

Background of Illegal Offshore Gaming

Illegal online sports betting and gaming operations—largely run by massive, foreign-based companies—reportedly pervade our jurisdictions. These offshore entities routinely operate without proper licensure, offer limited or non-existent consumer protections, fail to verify user age, ignore state boundaries, and evade taxation obligations potentially to both the Internal Revenue Service and our States.

These unlawful platforms expose residents—particularly young people and vulnerable adults—to fraudulent schemes and highly addictive gambling without any oversight or accountability. Moreover, these

operations undercut state-regulated markets and have been linked to money laundering, human trafficking, and other nefarious conduct.

Recent estimates show that the volume of illegal online gaming exceeds more than \$400 billion annually, leading to more than \$4 billion in lost tax revenue for state governments.¹ Despite these staggering figures, enforcement has been scarce, only emboldening these illegal operators.

A Path Forward: Joint USDOJ and AG Enforcement of Federal Law

Since 2013, USDOJ enforcement actions against illegal offshore gambling sites have been extremely limited. We seek USDOJ's cooperation and coordination to deploy robust legal tools to curb these unlawful enterprises. For instance, under the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act, USDOJ can pursue injunctive relief to block access to illegal websites and payment processing mechanisms. See 31 U.S.C. § 5365(b). Additionally, under 18 U.S.C. § 1955(d), USDOJ has the authority to seize assets—including servers, domains, and proceeds—that illegal gambling operations use. Because the websites owned by unlawful offshore operations violate federal law, USDOJ can and should seize the websites and domain names of operators and retain any proceeds recovered as part of the seizure.

USDOJ has used its authority to seize online assets in analogous cases. On "Black Friday" in 2011, it seized websites, servers, and domain names of companies that sold counterfeit products.² In April 2024, the USDOJ successfully seized domains connected to a Russian cybercrime network engaged in large-scale identity theft and fraud.³ Those same mechanisms can and should be applied to illegal offshore gaming platforms.

Furthermore, the USDOJ and our offices should work in partnership with major payment processors to implement a national enforcement and compliance strategy to cut off access to the U.S. financial system. Both Visa and Mastercard have already signaled their willingness to investigate and address unlawful use of their networks for gambling transactions.⁴ We should capitalize on this willingness to shut down illegal offshore gaming operations.

¹ *Sizing the Illegal and Unregulated Gaming Markets in the United States*, Am. Gaming Ass'n (Nov. 2022), <https://perma.cc/FPA8-7ADB>.

² Press Release, U.S. Dep't of Just., Federal Courts Order Seizure of 150 Website Domains Involved in Selling Counterfeit Goods as Part of DOJ, ICE HSI and FBI Cyber Monday Crackdown (Nov. 28, 2011), <https://perma.cc/UR9S-Z2YR>.

³ Press Release, U.S. Secret Service, Justice Department Seizes Four Web Domains Used to Create Over 40,000 Spoofed Websites and Store the Personal Information of More Than a Million Victims (Apr. 4, 2018), <https://perma.cc/NCD8-5B8N>.

⁴ *Mastercard and Visa Pledge Vigilance Following Gambling Investigation*, PYMNTS (Mar. 10, 2025), <https://perma.cc/AS3X-ATJH>.

Request for Cooperation

We strongly encourage USDOJ to prioritize enforcement against illegal offshore gaming operations. In its FY24 appropriations directive, Congress emphasized the importance of this issue.⁵ Under your leadership, we urge the USDOJ to coordinate with our offices to:

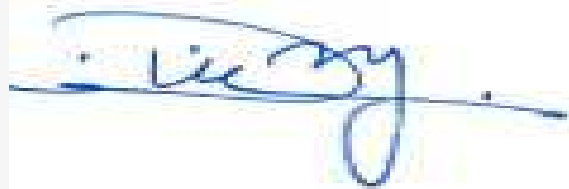
- Pursue injunctive relief and website seizures under federal law;
- Seize assets and domain names of illegal offshore gaming operators; and
- Coordinate with financial institutions to block unlawful transactions and dismantle the financial infrastructure supporting these enterprises.

We stand ready to collaborate with the USDOJ to protect our residents and uphold the laws of our country and of our States.

Sincerely,



Mike Hilgers
Nebraska Attorney General



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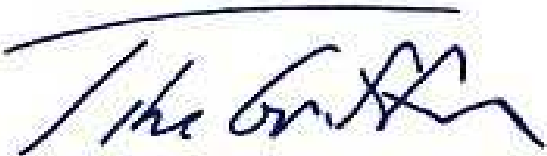
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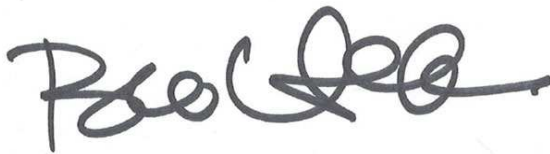
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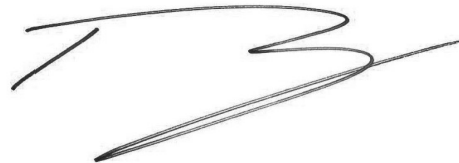
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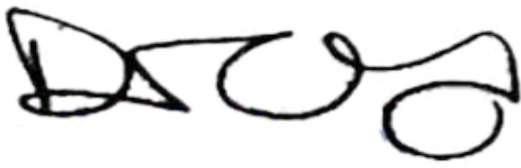
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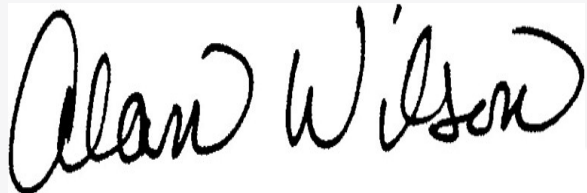
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Tennessee Attorney General

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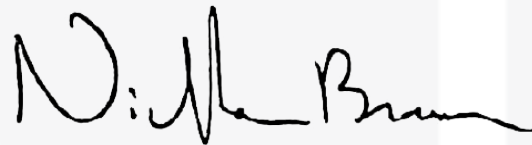
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Vermont Attorney General

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Virginia Attorney General

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Washington Attorney General

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West Virginia Attorney General

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WASHINGTON STATE
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Puyallup Tribe of Indians

Washington State Gambling Commission

Hearing on Proposed Compact Amendments

August 14, 2025

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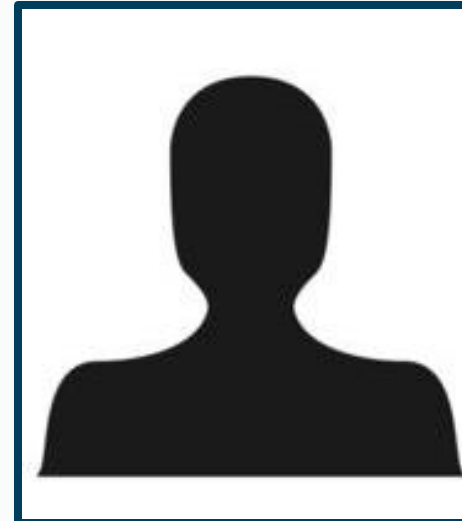
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29th District



Senator
Jeff Holy
6th District



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Shelley Kloba
1st District



Representative
Kevin Waters
17th District



“Class III gaming activities shall be lawful on Indian lands only if such activities are located in a State that permits such gaming and are conducted in conformance with a tribal–state compact...”

1988: Indian Gaming Regulatory Act

Negotiation Topics

Casino-style gaming activities
Criminal and civil jurisdiction
Fees for state regulation
Remedies for breach of contract
Standards of operation



1988: Indian Gaming Regulatory Act

*“The purpose of this chapter is...
to protect such gaming as a means of generating
tribal revenue.”*

*“The State must
negotiate in good faith
when a compact or amendment is requested by
a tribe.”*

Public Protection Interests

No criminal involvement

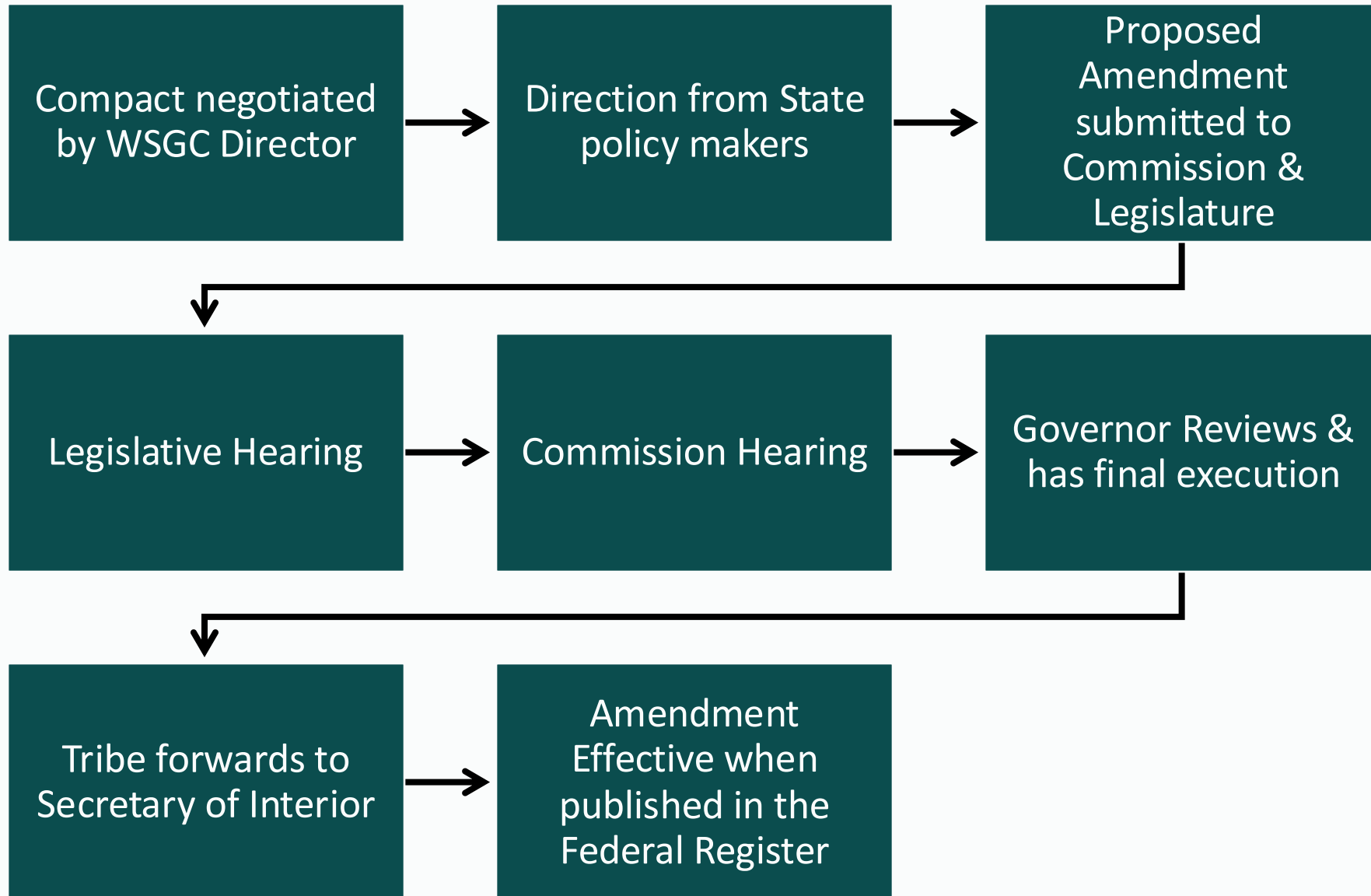
Gaming conducted fairly, honestly

Gaming limited to authorized activities

Minimize negative impacts on local law enforcement, emergency services



Gaming Compact Amendment Approval Process





PUYALLUP

TRIBE of INDIANS

WELCOME



Bill Sterud

Puyallup Tribe of Indians

Chairman



Sylvia Miller

Puyallup Tribe of Indians

Vice Chairwoman



Yale Rowe

Emerald Queen Casino

Chief Executive Officer



Matt Wadhvani

Puyallup Tribe of Indians

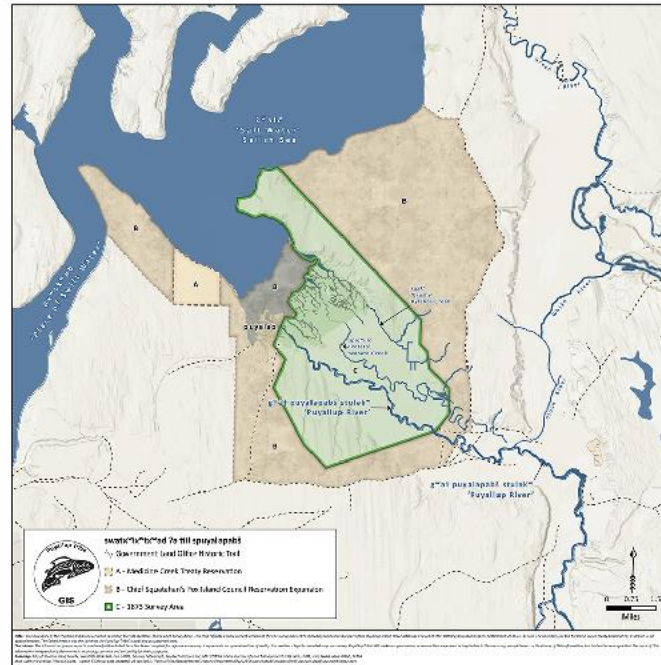
Tribal Financial Officer

Puyallup Tribal Enterprises
Chief Executive Officer



The Puyallup Tribe Coast Salish People

Here since time immemorial





We are still here.

6,000+
Members



Still based in our homelands



The Puyallup Tribe **Coast Salish People**

Here since time immemorial





The Puyallup Tribe Telling Our Story

- Curriculum in 13 local school districts
- FIFA World Cup 2026™
- Kenmore Air flights narration
- Lushootseed street signs







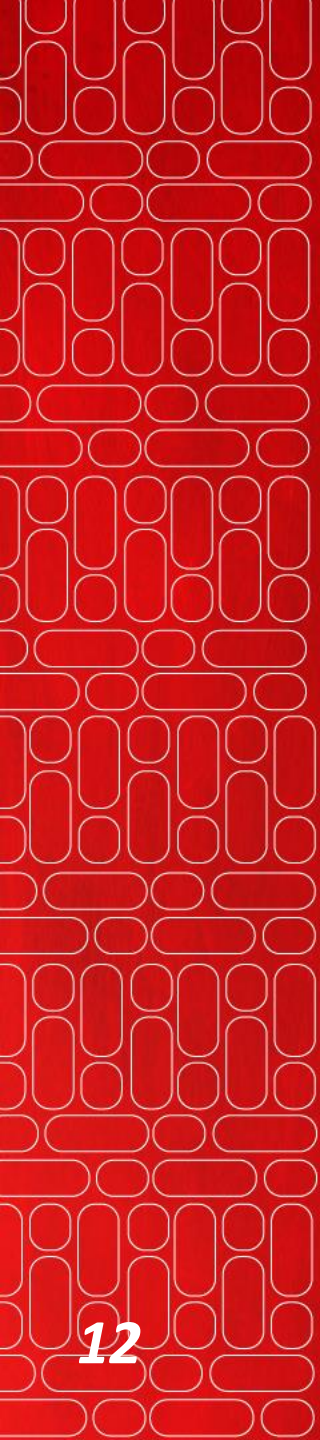
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STOP

E Roosevelt Ave 2000

A group of five Puyallup Tribal Police officers are standing in front of a white patrol vehicle. The vehicle features a large circular emblem on its side that includes a mountain, a river, and a fish, with the word "NATION" below it. The officers are dressed in dark uniforms; some wear short-sleeved shirts and shorts, while others wear long-sleeved shirts and trousers. They are all wearing duty belts with various equipment. The text "Tribal Gaming has been a godsend." is overlaid in a large, white, bold, italicized font across the center of the image.

***Tribal Gaming has
been a godsend.***



Education Programs and Services

Education Incentives Program (EIP)

Higher Education

Elders Services

Elders Annual Allocation

Elders Lawn Care

Elders Residence

Elders Services Program

Elders Trash Pickup Service

Elders Wellness and Assisted Living

Emergency Management Services

Crisis Assistance Program (CAP)

Extreme Emergency Assistance

Natural Disaster Assistance Program

Employment and Training Programs & Services

Human Resources

TERO

Workforce Development Program (WFD)

General Services

Adult Activities and Support Services

Business Tax and License

Cigarette Tax

Enrollment

Funeral Program

Medical Assistance Program

Per Capita and Representative Payee

Realty and Trust Services

Tribal Veterans Assistance

Heritage Division

Culture – ʔalalusuʔ

Historic Preservation – dxʷlələʔuləbadiʔ

Language Program – syayusadiʔ ʔə txʷəlšucid

Housing Programs and Services

Emergency Housing Repair Program

Tribal Housing Department

Set Aside Housing Program

Tribal Community Wellness Division

Adult Services

Child Support

Children of the River Child Advocacy Center

Children's Services

Community Domestic Violence Advocacy Program

CDVAP – saxʷqaliltub yabukʷ

Community Family Services – yayayaʔab

Foster Care Program

Re-Entry Program

Tribal Community Wellness Manager

Tribal Community Wellness Support

Wrap Around Program

Tribal Justice and Safety

Emergency Management Services

Law Enforcement

Legal Aid Office

Probation Office

Prosecutors Office

Public Safety

Security

Tribal Courts

Tribal Natural Resources

Fish Buy

Fisheries

Hunting and Wildlife

Natural Resource Rep

Northwest Straits Foundation Lost Nets Hotline
and Reporting tool

Shellfish

Sustainability Program

Youth Programs and Services

Birth to 6 Program

Child Care Assistance Program

Children's Activities Program

Early Childhood Education and Assistance

Program (ECEAP) – Chief Leschi Schools

Grandview Early Learning Center

Indian Child Welfare (ICW)

Little Wild Wolves Youth Center

Preschool Assistance Program

Puyallup Tribal Pre-School – Chief Leschi Schools

Temporary Assistance to Foster Care and

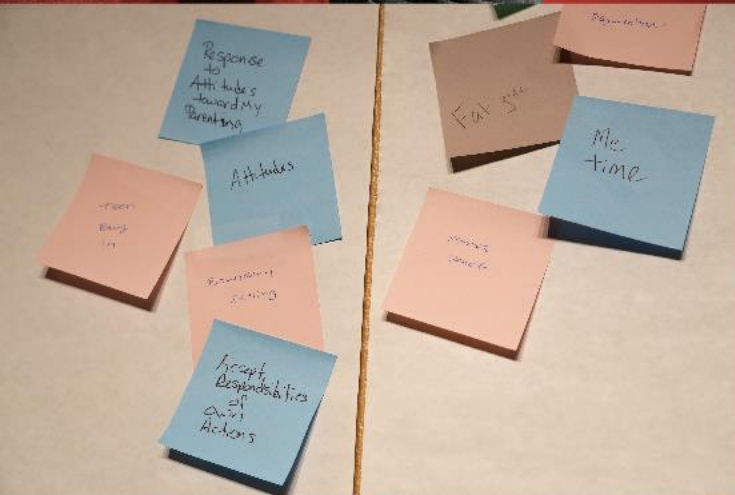
Enrollment

The Puyallup Tribe

Funeral Department



The Puyallup Tribe **Youth Services**



The Puyallup Tribe Chief Leschi Schools



The Puyallup Tribe Higher Education Opportunities



The Puyallup Tribe

Caring for our Elders



The Puyallup Tribe Housing

- **Developing and managing safe, sustainable, healthy and affordable housing.**
- **Providing opportunities and resources to inspire self-sufficiency and fulfillment.**
- **Maintaining the cultural integrity of each family in Tribal housing.**



The Puyallup Tribe **Longhouse**



An aerial photograph of a large, modern tribal building complex, possibly a government or community center, surrounded by trees. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

***Without membership services,
some Tribal Members would be
reliant on state services.***

The Puyallup Tribe Positive Impact



Positive impact on non-Tribal community

Generous and welcoming to all

The Puyallup Tribe Since 2020



**Evergreen
Council**
Partner
Problem Gambling
Campaign

**\$9
Million**
Donated
To nonprofit
organizations

**\$1.9
Million**
Donated
Tacoma-Pierce County
Health Department

The Puyallup Tribe

Community Donations

- Helping the Homeless
- Giving Hope Gala
- Food Lifeline
- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
- Fife Historical Society
- University of Washington Tacoma
- Washington State Health Care Authority
- World Affairs Council of Tacoma
- Rainbow Center
- Native Action Network
- Maui United Way
- And more...

Puyallup Tribal Health Authority



Offering a broad range of health services to eligible American Indian and Alaskan Natives living in Pierce County.

- Medical
- Dental
- Pharmacy
- Behavioral Health



The Puyallup Tribe Cedar Wellness Center

Addiction treatment center open to all.

- Opioid treatment
- Fentanyl
- Heroin
- Prescription pills
- Painkillers
- Methamphetamines
- Benzodiazepines
- Cocaine
- Alcohol and more



The Puyallup Tribe

Salish Cancer Center

Giving Hope Gala Annual Fundraiser

To raise money for our patient assistance
fund, giving families dealing with cancer
less of a financial burden.



The Puyallup Tribe **Fisheries**

**Fisheries preserves
and protects our
salmon population.**



Environmental Protection

The Puyallup Tribe has protected the land and water since time immemorial to the benefit of all.

**In 2019,
the Tribe became
one of the first in
the world to
declare a climate
emergency.**

The Puyallup Tribe **Economic Development**

Diversification

An expanded economic base



PUYALLUP

TRIBAL ENTERPRISES

The Puyallup Tribe

Businesses



The Puyallup Tribe

Kenmore Air Partnership

Bringing seaplanes to the South Sound



Ruston Way

Woven Seafood & Chophouse

By Roy Yamaguchi


WOVEN
SEAFOOD & CHOPHOUSE
BY ROY YAMAGUCHI





The Puyallup Tribe Construction Projects

The Puyallup Tribe

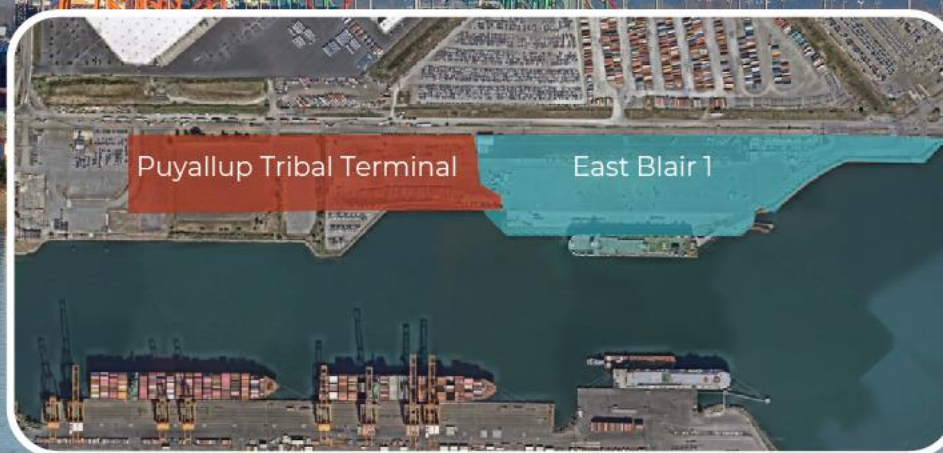
Manufacturing Center

144,000 square foot facility



March 2025

Northwest Seaport Alliance



RESPONSIBLE GAMING



PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS

EQC's Commitment to **Responsible Gaming**

Tribal Commitment

The Puyallup Tribe of Indians and EQC embed responsible gaming into their operating principles grounded in community wellness, sovereignty, and regulatory excellence.

Co-Regulation with the State

EQC operates under a Class III compact, which is overseen by both the Tribe's gaming agency and the Washington State Gambling Commission. This ensures that responsible gaming safeguards align with state and national standards (IGRA, NCPG, ECPG).

Venue Integration

EQC properties are committed to going above and beyond the minimum standards defined by our compact to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our patrons.

“As an EQC team member, it is our shared responsibility and obligation to help those who are unable to gamble responsibly.”



PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS

EQC's Commitment to **Responsible Gaming**

- Clear, well communicated responsible gaming policy
- Public entrances and exits, near gaming areas and where patrons access funds
- Messaging at every terminal and kiosk
- Responsible gaming message in marketing materials, including toll-free help line
- Clear options for patrons to unsubscribe from direct marketing
- Option for patrons to self-impose limitations on wagering parameters

EQC's Commitment to **Responsible Gaming**



- **Resources available with one click from home page**
- **Annual training for all gaming team members**

EQC's Commitment to **Responsible Gaming**



- Training on how to handle a request
- Ability to make appointment to self exclude through website
- Take all reasonable efforts to remove patron from mailing lists
- Deny or close all complimentary amenities



Dennis Amerine

Compliance &
Responsible
Gaming Consultant

- **Former Member of the Nevada Gaming Control Board**
- **Head of Audit Division**

National Recognition

Corporate Public Awareness Finalist

Dedication to supporting those impacted by a gambling problem



Thank You!

Summary of Compact Changes (Consistent with other Compacts)

- Adds a framework for electronic table games at the Tribe's gaming facility.
- Authorizes extension of credit.
- Removes per facility limits on the number of tribal lottery system player terminals.
- Allows \$30 wagers on tribal lottery system player terminals.



Summary of Compact Changes

- Allows table game wager limits up to \$1,000 and a limited number of tables can offer wagers up to \$5,000 after customer screening.
- Provides an option for an additional 1,000 player terminals to be added to the Tribe's allocation and total operating ceiling, in a stepped approach.
- Creates a new appendix that includes all Tribal licensing and State background provisions and authorizes eligibility & registration.
- Creates a definition appendix that includes defined terms used in the Compact and Appendices.



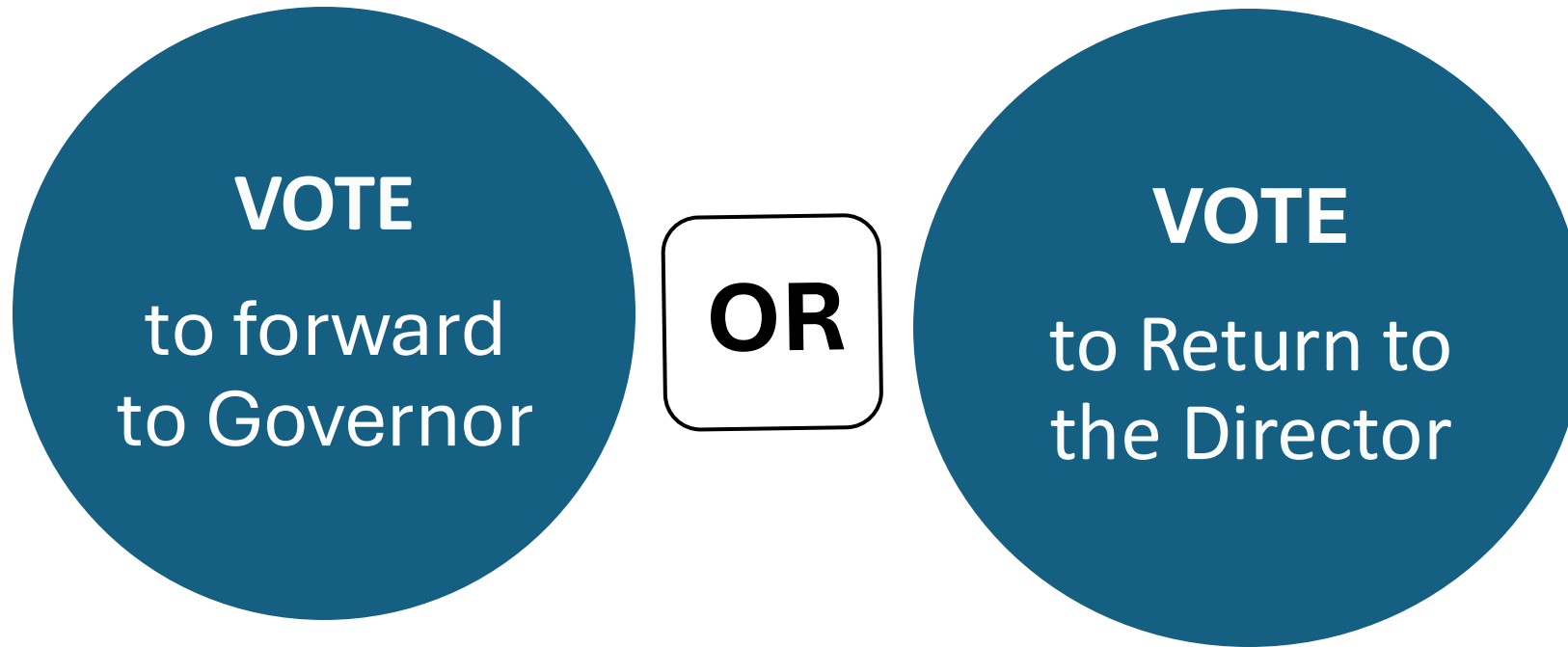
Summary of Compact Changes (Contribution updates)

Contributions by the Tribe are replaced with:

- A non-smoking room requirement if smoking is allowed in the gaming facility.
- Enhanced responsible gaming provisions on training, self-exclusion, responsible gaming signage and posting, and self-imposed limits.
- The gaming facility is accessible to emergency services.
- The Tribe's commitment to the community through support to emergency service, government, and non-profit/charitable organizations.



Public Comments & Next Steps



Tab 3 Presentation defining roles for Legislators and Commissioners

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State Representative Chris Stearns

House Speaker Pro Tem

47th Legislative District

Committees: State Government & Tribal Relations, *Vice-Chair* / Capital Budget | Environment & Energy | Rules

Chair, House Members of Color Caucus



Washington State Gambling Commission

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

August 14, 2025

TO: COMMISSIONERS

Alicia Levy, Chair
Sarah Lawson, Vice Chair
Michael Charles
Anders Ibsen
VACANT

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Senator Steve Conway
Senator Jeff Holy
Representative Shelley Kloba
Representative Kevin Waters

FROM: Tricia Gullion, Legislative & Rules Manager

SUBJECT: Proposed 2026 Agency Request Legislation

As directed, staff is exploring agency request legislation to amend RCW 16.52.085, RCW 9.46.210 and RCW 16.52.011.

On July 23, we held feedback sessions with both tribal partners and the public. During these sessions, we received the following feedback:

Tribal Partners:

- Concerns regarding adding more to our plate and expanding our authority.
- Concerns using tribal funds to investigate these cases.
- Concerns as to why this is necessary as other agencies investigate these cases.

Public feedback:

- Some of the animal rights and animal control participants had concerns regarding:
 - The euthanasia of roosters, specifically altered roosters and ensuring individuals who rescue roosters previously involved in cockfighting don't fall under suspicion, potentially changing the language to clarify or add an exemption.
 - Authorizing agencies to euthanize roosters may lead to euthanasia for other reasons.
- Some of the prosecutors on the call had concerns regarding:
 - Unintended consequences – euthanized before a vet examination and potential consequences for a later determination that roosters were not altered/mutilated or could have been rescued.
 - Euthanizing roosters could destroy potential evidence.
 - Due process – euthanizing roosters before that takes place.
- None of the participants had concerns with the Gambling Commission expanding authority to investigate animal fighting cases before a gambling nexus is established.

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Additionally, we sent the following letter to tribal partners, the public and stakeholders asking for feedback.

We will continue to see input from tribal partners, stakeholders and the public as we prepare the packet for your approval at the September 2026 commission meeting.

Attachments:

- Letter to organizations who might have an interested
- Feedback emails

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From: [JOHN ARMERDING](#)
To: [Gullion, Tricia \(GMB\)](#)
Subject: Comment: Proposed gambling rules
Date: Friday, July 25, 2025 6:26:48 AM

External Email

I think is a mistake to constantly expand the number of agencies with law enforcement powers. The Gambling Commission should be focused on enforcing gambling rules, not on law enforcement. LE referrals should then be made to the appropriate LE agency for disposition.

From: [Janice Eaton](#)
To: [Gullion, Tricia \(GMB\)](#)
Subject: Feedback on Animal Fighting
Date: Thursday, July 24, 2025 2:57:45 PM

External Email

Hi Tricia,

I received the feedback notification regarding the rule changes which would allow the Gaming Commission to be able to investigate animal fighting earlier and you have our support in getting these regulations changed. I know the bulletin specifically mentions roosters, but would this also pertain to dog fighting. I hope it does and again we support your efforts to end animal cruelty.

Sincerely,
Janice

Janice Eaton | **Technical Security Integration, Inc.**

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From: [Wendy Winsor](#)
To: [Gullion, Tricia \(GMB\)](#)
Cc: [Sofia Rust](#)
Subject: Re: Agency request feedback
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2025 10:36:37 AM

External Email

Thank you - I appreciate the additional information. Based on this information I would like to oppose the request to increase the WSGC's authorization. If we are already in a budget crisis adding any additional strain on the WSGC resources without any hope of recouping the costs seems imprudent. While I appreciate the reasons for the WSGC's request it appears that the licensees will be funding yet another activity that should be paid for by others.

Thank you again,

Wendy Winsor
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From: Gullion, Tricia (GMB) <tricia.gullion@wsgc.wa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2025 9:52 AM
To: Wendy Winsor <wendyw@wowdistributing.com>
Cc: Sofia Rust <sofial@wowdistributing.com>
Subject: RE: Agency request feedback

Great, thanks. Some of these questions came up during our feedback session. Our agents in the criminal enforcement division currently investigate animal fighting after a gambling nexus is established. The proposed language would authorize them to investigate animal fighting before the gambling nexus is established. We are currently working on what that fiscal impact would be. Yes, the funds would come from the fees paid by licensees.

We are not asking for more funds to do this work, we are looking into how many additional hours it would require of our agents and fiscal impacts before we proceed. We are also concerned that the legislature may come back and take additional funds from our account, just as they did in the 2025 legislative session.

This is still a draft, and the commissioners will make their final decision whether to move this forward or not at their commission meeting in August or September.

Thank you for your feedback.

Tricia

From: Wendy Winsor <wendyw@wowdistributing.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 11:22 AM

To: Gullion, Tricia (GMB) <tricia.gullion@wsgc.wa.gov>

Cc: Sofia Rust <sofial@wowdistributing.com>

Subject: Re: Agency request feedback

External Email

Yes - It includes several other requests according to what I was reading.

Wendy Winsor
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From: Gullion, Tricia (GMB) <tricia.gullion@wsgc.wa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 11:21 AM

To: Wendy Winsor <wendyw@wowdistributing.com>

Cc: Sofia Rust <sofial@wowdistributing.com>

Subject: RE: Agency request feedback

Hi Wendy,

I just want to clarify, is this in regard to our potential agency request legislation regarding the authorization of the Gambling Commission to investigate animal fighting before a gambling nexus is established and allowing the lead agency to euthanize roosters onsite that have been mutilated or altered specifically for cockfighting?

Thanks,
Tricia

From: Wendy Winsor <wendyw@wowdistributing.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 11:14 AM

To: Gullion, Tricia (GMB) <tricia.gullion@wsgc.wa.gov>

Cc: Sofia Rust <sofial@wowdistributing.com>

Subject: Agency request feedback

External Email

Good Morning -

I was unable to attend the session but have read the information presented. I apologize if I am repeating things already mentioned. My feedback is below.

- I understand the WSGC is tasked with the integrity of gambling activities.
- If these changes enhance the work being done by the WSGC that seems like a good thing.
- Funding of the WSGC is primarily thru license fees for legal gambling.
- **If the WSGC wishes to expand its reach and scope of investigations who will pay for these activities?**
- Is the WSGC requesting funding along with the increased responsibilities?
- How many additional resources will be required by the WSGC to handle this increased work.
 - Hours?
 - Other resources?
- My concern is that the investigation of illegal gambling activities is currently being funded by the legal gambling operations.
 - Balancing of the WSGC budget has been a concern, according to what has been presented by the WSGC.
 - Increasing fees to legal gambling licensees should not be used to investigate non-licensed illegal gambling operations.
 - If the WSGC is doing the work of law enforcement it should be funded by similar means as law enforcement, using those jurisdictions budgets.

Thank you for your time and work.

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From: [West, Tiarie](#)
To: [Gullion, Tricia \(GMB\)](#)
Cc: [Byrd, David](#)
Subject: RE: WA State Gambling Commission Potential Legislation for 2026
Date: Monday, July 28, 2025 3:04:46 PM
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[image004.png](#)

External Email

Hello,

I discussed this with my manager. Snohomish County Animal Services is in huge favor of these changes. This would be extremely beneficial for animal fighting cases. If there's anything our agency can do to help assist with getting these changes made, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,

Tiarie West

Senior Animal Control Officer

Snohomish County Animal Services 🌸🌸🌸

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From: Gullion, Tricia (GMB) <tricia.gullion@wsgc.wa.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 10:37 AM
To: West, Tiarie <Tiarie.West@co.snohomish.wa.us>
Subject: WA State Gambling Commission Potential Legislation for 2026



Caution. Suspicious Attachment Types. This may be a phishing attempt.

Greetings,

The Washington State Gambling Commission is considering a proposal for agency request legislation, and we are contacting you requesting your input and comments.

From: [Kim Reasoner-Morin](#)
To: [Gullion, Tricia \(GMB\)](#)
Cc: [Kristi Soto](#)
Subject: RE: WA State Gambling Commission Potential Legislation for 2026
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 11:30:01 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

External Email

Good morning Tricia – I have reach through the attachments, and we have no feedback but are very grateful to see that animal fighting will now have additional oversight from the gambling commission.

Warm Regards,

kim reasoner-morin

executive director

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From: Kristi Soto <kristi@spokanehumanesociety.org>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 10:38 PM
To: Kim Reasoner-Morin <kim@spokanehumanesociety.org>
Subject: Fwd: WA State Gambling Commission Potential Legislation for 2026

From: [CID Info](#)
To: [Gullion, Tricia \(GMB\)](#)
Subject: RE: WA state Gambling Commission proposed legislation - Ask PETA a Question Form
Date: Monday, July 28, 2025 12:31:51 PM

External Email

Hi Tricia,

Thank you for reaching out to us Tricia! The language appears good to us. We would also strongly recommend you beseech advice from Humane World for Animals (formerly Humane Society of the United States), particularly Janette Reeve, their animal fighting expert, at 240-252-8400 or jreever@hsi.org. She is extremely helpful in these regards.

Sincerely,

Maura McKeon, PETA

From: tricia.gullion@wsgc.wa.gov <tricia.gullion@wsgc.wa.gov> **On Behalf Of** info@peta.org
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 1:32 PM
To: PETA Info <info@peta.org>
Subject: WA state Gambling Commission proposed legislation - Ask PETA a Question Form

Yes

**PETA's Online
Community**

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Last name Gullion
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Country/Region United States
County WA
State/Province WA
**Zip/Postal
Code** 98501
Tel. 3608007285
Email tricia.gullion@wsgc.wa.gov
**Are you a
student? This** No

From: [Justin Simms](#)
To: [Gullion, Tricia \(GMB\)](#)
Subject: Save the furry friends
Date: Friday, July 25, 2025 9:44:18 AM

External Email

Animal cruelty should be federal law across the country. Max ten years, could also be part of criminal enterprises. Gangs especially!!!

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Sarah Hock <sarahjh@jointanimalservices.org>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2025 3:31 PM
To: Gullion, Tricia (GMB) <tricia.gullion@wsgc.wa.gov>
Subject: Comments on WA State Gambling Commission Potential Legislation for 2026

External Email

Dear Commissioners,

As the Executive Director of Joint Animal Services, President of the Washington Federation for Animal Care and Control Agencies, and a Board Member of the National Association of Animal Care and Control Agencies. I have over 21 years of expertise in this field. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed legislative changes regarding animal fighting investigations.

I support the proposal to grant the Washington State Gambling Commission the authority to investigate the use of animals in gambling-related fighting activities. Expanding investigative authority will help address these cases earlier, allowing law enforcement to intervene before a gambling nexus is fully established. This is a vital step in preventing prolonged animal suffering and dismantling organized animal fighting networks.

However, I oppose the proposed language that alters due process and undermines years of collaborative work dedicated to updating and strengthening Washington's animal cruelty laws. Due process protections ensure investigations and prosecutions are effective, defensible, and just. Any changes to existing statutes must be narrowly tailored to target the problem without weakening established legal safeguards or causing unintended consequences.

I agree that:

- Amending RCW 9.46.210 to authorize Gambling Commission investigations into animal fighting will address an important enforcement gap.
- Amending RCW 16.52.011 to include the Gambling Commission as a "law enforcement

agency” would enable earlier intervention in these cases.

Nevertheless, I strongly oppose authorizing the same-day, on-site euthanasia of roosters mutilated for fighting. Immediate euthanasia without proper veterinary evaluation and evidence collection could threaten both animal welfare and investigation integrity. Humane outcomes and due process require a licensed veterinarian to evaluate animals before euthanasia decisions are made.

I am also concerned about the proposed expansion of warrantless entry authority in RCW 16.52.085(1)(d). This change would permit law enforcement officers, animal control officers, and Gambling Commission investigators to enter private property without a warrant if they have probable cause to believe a rooster has been disfigured for fighting or training. There is no requirement that the animal needs immediate medical attention, nor is there an “emergency aid” purpose served by this change. Without a clear exigent circumstance, this provision risks constitutional challenges that could undermine investigations and prosecutions.

My concern is to ensure these amendments do not weaken the integrity of RCW 16.52, especially the balance between strong enforcement and fair legal process that stakeholders have worked hard to establish. I urge the Commission to carefully refine the language so the Gambling Commission’s expanded role is clear, limited to its intended purpose, and consistent with established animal cruelty laws.

I am dedicated to working with lawmakers, the Gambling Commission, and other stakeholders to develop language that enables earlier enforcement, protects animals, and upholds due process. Together, we can strengthen Washington’s ability to combat animal fighting without undoing the progress made in animal protection across the state.

Sarah Hock, MNpS, ELC

(she/her/hers)

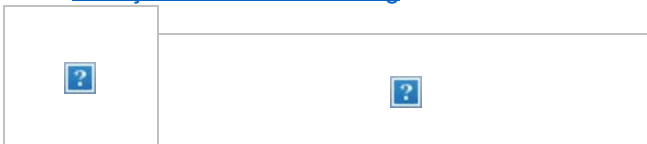
Executive Director

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Tab 5 Fiscal Year 26 Revenue Update

Materials will be presented at the meeting and posted online after the meeting at www.wsgc.wa.gov

WSGC 2023-2028 Strategic Plan

Metrics Through June 30, 2025

Information in bold italics have been updated since September 30, 2024 publication

Goal 1: Become an employer of choice that attracts and retains a highly skilled, valued, and diverse workforce.

Objective: Attract and retain a highly skilled, diverse workforce

Strategies	Metrics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recruit staff using effective, efficient recruitment practices	<p><u>Changes to Recruitment Efforts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Removed the education requirements for all positions except positions in which a degree is required based on job dutiesPosted recruitments with 24 diverse organizationsReassessed work needs and re-classified four certified law enforcement positions to non-certified positions<i>Used an outside recruitment firm to facilitate the recruitment process for a new Deputy Director</i> <p><u>Staff Longevity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Agency Service: 39% of staff have 15+ years of agency serviceState Service: <i>46%</i> of staff have 15+ years of state service compared to 24% statewide employee average
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recognize and celebrate our employees	<p><u>Informal Recognition</u></p> <p>Agency STAR Award program is how we recognize staff for superior job-related performance. Any staff member may recommend another staff member to receive a STAR Award through a supervisor. The STARS have no cash value and can be redeemed for non-cash items that do not exceed \$100 in value. Stars issued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Q1 2024: 3,333 issued to 90 staffQ2 2024: 948 issued to 86 staffQ3 2024: 1,862 issued to 80 staff<i>Q4 2024: 1,278 issued to 71 staff</i><i>Q1 2025: 2,876 issued to 100 staff</i><i>Q2 2025: 1,156 issued to 25 staff</i> <p><u>Formal Recognition</u></p> <p>August 2024 – Staff submitted over 90 nominations for their co-workers indicating how their co-worker demonstrated the criteria for 7 annual agency awards. 6 of the awards, managers and above cannot be nominated, and a committee of staff selected the award recipients. The Director selected the recipient of the Director’s Leadership award, for which anyone can be nominated.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Explore professional development and growth opportunities for staff at all levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">30 staff belong to a State or National Organization55 staff have 91 Professional Certification/License1 staff member is taking advantage of the tuition reimbursement program8 staff members have taken a leadership course
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Promote work-life balance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">69% of staff have a hybrid worksite69% of special agents work from a home office71% of staff work a flexible schedule

Objective: Advance institutional knowledge

Strategies	Metrics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Implement a plan to identify, assess, and develop talent to enhance succession planning and foster leadership continuityEmphasize a continued learning culture	<u>Capturing Institutional Knowledge</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Double-filling positions to facilitate the transfer of institutional knowledge when we can: Deputy Director, HR Consultant, Licensing Specialist Senior, Forms and Records Analyst, IT Applications Developers, and Special Agents in remote locationsCross-training on specialized topics, such as game and equipment reviews58 staff have a LinkedIn Learning pass giving them access to thousands of online learning courses

Objective: Create a culture that embraces diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging

Strategies	Metrics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Develop and implement diversity, equity, and inclusion strategiesDevelop and implement agency-wide cultural competenciesFoster a sense of belonging	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed and implemented Implicit Bias training in-house by a CJTC certified instructor100% of staff completed Implicit Bias training in 2024Staff are required to complete the State's DEIB 4 module training and a pre-learning session by end of 2025 (10 hours):<ul style="list-style-type: none">96% of staff completed DEIB Module 181% of the staff completed DEIB Module 261% of the staff completed DEIB Module 342% of the staff completed DEIB Module 4Implemented a new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion competency for all staffImplemented new policies on DEI and Respectful Workplace

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Goal 2: Be a leader in gambling licensing, regulation, and enforcement.

Objective: Promote a licensing, regulatory, and enforcement environment that is equitable and inclusive

Strategies	Metrics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop and maintain industry expertise and stay abreast of emerging trends• Engage tribal partners and stakeholders for feedback• Actively participate in national and other regulatory groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 31 staff participated in 21 National organizations• Staff have given 96 presentations to licensees and federal and state organizations to over 1,233 attendees.• 7 staff have participated as board members as well as president and vice president in national orgs.• We used an interpreter 20 times to facilitate communication with licensees and applicants

Objective: Develop and implement innovative strategies to conduct business efficiently

Strategies	Metrics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage internal and external stakeholders and tribal partners to identify areas of efficiency• Pursue improvements and innovations in the use of technology and agency resources• Adopt Organizational Change Management (OCM) principles and embrace practical application	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 22 engagements with tribal partners and 44 engagements with stakeholders focused on identifying areas of potential efficiency• 96 business processes have been identified to be replaced with implementation of Polaris to improve efficiency• Staff received OCM training in September 2023 and August 2024• <i>OCM plan developed and implemented in Spring 2025 for successful launch of new IT system and hired an OCM contractor to facilitate OCM for agency</i>

Objective: Develop sustainable funding strategies.

Strategies	Metrics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analyze similarly funded agencies• Explore rulemaking to allow fees to be responsive to economic shift• Improve billing methods and processes	Implemented new rules in October 2024 to align all organizational licenses to expire on June 30, 2025, to improve revenue forecasting

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Objective: Improve prosecution of illegal gambling activities	
Strategies	Metrics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage with prosecutors early in the investigative process• Explore other ways to seek prosecution• Develop a process to capture data on enforcement efforts	<p>This Strategy will be addressed after the implementation of Polaris when we can track cases and metrics automatically rather than manually with the legacy systems.</p>

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Goal 3: Promote responsible gambling.

Objective: Enhance access to problem gambling resources

Strategies	Metrics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaborate with other agencies to keep resource materials updated and accessible• Update signage for licensees to post• Update rules regarding problem gambling signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implemented WAC 230-06-068 specifying:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- where problem gambling signs are to be posted;- advertisements must contain a responsible gaming message;- patrons must be allowed to unsubscribe from future advertisements, marketing, or promotional communications• Contracted with Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling to update the problem gambling signage required to be posted in licensed establishments per RCW <i>and to update the resource cards for new self-exclusion enrollees in 12 languages</i>• <i>Distributed the new signs to over 2,400 licensees and our tribal partners.</i>

Objective: Participate in problem gambling workgroups

Strategies	Metrics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Actively participate in workgroups to promote responsible gambling.• Support implementation and integration of responsible gaming initiatives from the work groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Actively participated all Disordered Gambling Advisory Work Group (DGAW) meetings – 5 to date• Presented the Commissioner's request that the Disordered Gambling Advisory Work Group keep the Responsible Gaming and Problem Gambling Resolution from the National Council of Legislators from Gaming State's at the forefront of the DGAW's work, which they agreed to at their March 2024 meeting.

Objective: Enhance the state-wide self-exclusion program

Strategies	Metrics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify ways to enhance the state-wide program for current and future participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Problem gambling resource information and self-exclusion applications provided to all HBCR licensees in 12 different languages• Began to explore the online methods and programs other states are using to register participants in self-exclusion programs and possible funding

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Goal 4: Strengthen partnerships with governmental agencies, licensees, and the public.	
Objective: Engage with tribal governments and federal, state, and local agencies	
Strategies	Metrics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expand upon current engagement activities• Promote awareness of the agency and the work they do to keep gambling legal and honest in Washington	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 94 meetings attended with tribal governments and federal, state, and local agencies• 174 in-state law-enforcement contacts; 36 out-of-state law enforcement contacts• 222 publications and new releases promoting the work of the agency. <i>Publications and releases since September 2024:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 17 news releases• 65 videos• 23 news outlets (TV, radio, newspaper)
Objective: Enhance communication and information accessibility to improve service	
Strategies	Metrics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage with licensees and tribal partners to discover how to make it easier to do business with us• Expand the reach of WSGC communications• Update and modernize licensee training programs• Identify and remove barriers to increase accessibility of information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 26 engagements with tribal partners and 31 stakeholders focused on identifying areas where efficiencies can be gained• Launched GovDelivery in mid-2024, which streamlines how we communicate to over 9,800 tribal partners, licensees, and other interested parties and tracks their engagement with our communication.• In 2023, updated our external website format and presentation of material to meet industry accessibility standards regardless of the device used and information is available in many different languages• Social media engagements:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LinkedIn – 189• Twitter – 490• Facebook – 186• YouTube – 97• <i>Engagements since September 2024:</i> <i>Twitter:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 601 / 137 likes / 33 retweets / 16 replies / 2 quote tweets• 27.47% engaged with the November 4, 2024, story on illegal machine seizure in Vancouver.<i>LinkedIn:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Top post was 40 reactions for our WA Sec of State Productivity Award Post.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>490 reactions</i> <p><i>Facebook:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>893 reactions, 72 comments, 4.88% engagement rate</i> <p><i>YouTube Channel</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>80 subscribers, 11.5k views, 765.6 hours watched</i>• <i>1,073 views for enforcement on video about Spokane \$12,500 pull tab theft</i>• <i>354 views on illegal machines seized February 4, 2025</i>• <i>214 views animal fighting where it takes place</i>
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Staff Proposed Rule Making
New, Amended, and Repealed Rules
WAC 230-17 Hearing Rules

August 2025 – Discussion and possible filing
July 2025 – Discussion only
July 2023 – Initiate Rule Making

Tab 7: August 2025 Commission Meeting Agenda.

Statutory Authority 9.46.070

Who Proposed the Rule Change?

Washington State Gambling Commission Staff

Background

BOLD = Changes made since July 2023 Commission Meeting

In recent Commission enforcement actions, motions, responses, and other legal documents have been filed for review associated with a particular petition for review or reconsideration days prior to the upcoming meeting. Some filings have been received less than 24 hours before the next Commission meeting, forcing a continuance.

The current rule framework does not directly address motions, responses, and similar pleadings with regard to timeliness. A rule change is necessary to implement a framework to address timeliness for filings before the Commission and reduce confusion and unnecessary continuances. Other parts of the rule chapter on Hearing Rules may also be amended to add clarity or ensure consistency.

At the July 2023 Commission meeting, Commissioners agreed to initiate rule making. The proposed changes to hearing rules (WAC 230-17) include:

- Procedures for the electronic submission of documents and notice for commission materials. The amendments update the rules to align with other similar state agencies and adopt the standards for electronic submission and notice as outlined in RCW.
- Limit the scope of interrogatories and requests for production from an unlimited number to 30, including all parts and subparts. This change will prevent abuse of the discovery process and limit the scope of proceedings to the issues at hand.
- Amending the submission process to clarify deadlines for documents to be considered before a commission meeting.

At the July commission meeting, Commissioners had an opportunity to discuss the proposed rule changes and allowed time for public comments. No comments were offered.

On July 23, 2025, staff held meetings with Tribal Partners and the public to hear general feedback regarding this rule change. No comments were offered at either meeting.

Attachments:

- New and revised WAC 230-17 sections

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends filing the draft language for further discussion.

WAC 230-17-002 Administrative Rules In addition to these rules, for full adjudicative proceedings the commission adopts the model rules of procedure as set forth in WAC 10-08-035 through 10-08-230, as amended. If there is a conflict between the model rules and this chapter, the rules in this chapter shall govern.

WAC 230-17-010 Requesting and scheduling a hearing. (1)

Applicants, licensees, or permittees may request a hearing using the form we provide.

(2) We must receive the request from the applicant, licensee, or permittee at our administrative office within twenty-three days after service of the notice.

~~(a) Twenty-three days after we mail service by regular mail the notice of administrative charges; or~~

~~(b) Twenty days after they receive service by certified mail the notice of administrative charges; or~~

~~(c) Twenty days after we personally serve the notice of administrative charges; or service~~

(3) If applicants, licensees, or permittees do not file requests in the time required, then they waive their right to a hearing. They are in default, as defined in RCW 34.05.440, and the commissioners may take action against them up to the maximum penalty stated in the notice of administrative charges.

(4) The director, director's designee, or the presiding officer of the hearing must issue a notice of hearing which meets the requirements of RCW 34.05.434(2).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 08-23-077 (Order 636), § 230-17-010, filed 11/18/08, effective 1/1/09; WSR 07-21-156 (Order 615), § 230-17-010, filed 10/24/07, effective 1/1/08.]

WAC 230-17-030 Methods of service ~~in adjudicative~~
~~proceedings~~. Parties must serve all orders, notices, pleadings,
and other documents by:

(1) Personal service; or

(2) First class, registered, or certified mail; or

~~(3) Telefacsimile (fax) to the commission's legal division,
and same-day mailing of a copy of the faxed document; or~~

(3) Commercial parcel delivery service; or

(4) Electronic transmission by email as authorized by RCW 34.05.010(19). Parties are required to provide a valid email address in any request for hearing.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 07-21-156 (Order 615), § 230-17-030, filed 10/24/07, effective 1/1/08.]

WAC 230-17-035 When service of notices, orders, and documents is complete. Service of notices and other documents is complete when served by:

(1) **Personal service** - which means actual, physical delivery to:

- (a) The person; or
- (b) The designated agent of the person; or
- (c) Anyone over the age of eighteen residing at the residence of:

- (i) The person; or
- (ii) A corporate officer; or
- (d) If represented, the attorney representing the person.

(2) **Mail** - which means deposit in the United States mail with proper postage and properly addressed; ~~service is complete~~

~~on the third day after mailing, excluding the date of mailing;~~

or

~~(3) **Telefacsimile (fax)** - which means faxing to the
commission's legal division, with confirmation of the
transmission, and the same day deposit of a copy of the faxed
document in the United States mail, with proper postage and
properly addressed; service is complete on the third day after
mailing, excluding the date of mailing; or~~

(34) **Commercial parcel delivery service** - which means
delivery to the parcel delivery service, when properly addressed
and all charges are paid.

(4) **Electronic transmission** - Service is considered
complete upon transmission of the documents or electronic method
to access such documents to the email address provided by a
party.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 07-21-156 (Order 615), §
230-17-035, filed 10/24/07, effective 1/1/08.]

WAC 230-17-065 Depositions and interrogatories. (1)

Parties may take testimony by deposition on oral examination (deposition) or written questions (interrogatories) for use as evidence in the administrative hearing. A party may serve no more than thirty (30) interrogatories, including all discrete subparts, and no more than thirty (30) requests for production, including all discrete subparts, except where permitted by the presiding officer on notice and motion for good cause.

(2) In addition to limitations on discovery set forth in any other applicable law, regulation, or rule, discovery does not include:

(a) Information or documents from the personnel file of any commission employee;

(b) Information or documents relating to any investigation conducted by the commission against unrelated parties;

(c) Information or documents relating to any action brought by the commission against unrelated parties;

(d) Information or documents relating to any examination conducted by the commission of unrelated parties;

(e) Information or documents relating to any license applications or determinations made by the commission of unrelated parties; or

(f) Depositions of the agency director or assistant directors.

(3~~2~~) Parties must depose persons in the same manner, and before the same officers, authorized by the Washington civil rules for superior court, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties.

(4~~3~~) Witnesses may be subpoenaed to attend a deposition or produce documents.

(5~~4~~) Parties may only depose a commissioner, the director, deputy director, or an assistant director if they apply to the presiding officer and show good cause that circumstances prevent the statements or depositions of other staff members from revealing the information, evidence, or details needed.

(6~~5~~) Unless otherwise ordered, the person being deposed may be examined about any matter to the same extent that the Washington civil rules for superior court allow.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 07-21-156 (Order 615), § 230-17-065, filed 10/24/07, effective 1/1/08.]

WAC 230-17-090 Petitions for review and cross appeals of initial orders. (1) RCW 34.05.464 governs the review of initial orders.

(2) Any party to an adjudicative proceeding may file a petition for review of an initial order. Parties must file the petition for review with us within twenty days of the date of service of the initial order unless otherwise stated. Parties must serve copies of the petition to all other parties or their representatives at the time the petition for review is filed.

(3) Petitions must specify the portions of the initial order the parties disagree with and refer to the evidence in the record on which they rely to support their petition.

(4) Any party to an adjudicative proceeding may file a reply to a petition for review of an initial order. Parties must file the reply with us within thirty days of the date of service of the petition and must serve copies of the reply to all other parties or their representatives at the time the reply is filed.

The Commission will only consider a Petition and a reply to a petition; any other replies or responses will not be considered unless granted for good cause. If the reply falls within fifteen (15) days of the next regularly scheduled commission meeting, then the matter will be heard at the following regularly scheduled commission meeting unless otherwise scheduled.

(5) Any party may file a cross appeal. Parties must file cross appeals with us within ten days of the date the petition for review was filed with us.

(6) Copies of the petition or the cross appeal must be served on all other parties or their representatives at the time the petition or appeal is filed.

(7) After we receive the petition or appeal, the commissioners review it at a regularly scheduled commission meeting within one hundred twenty days and make a final order.

(8) The Commission or the Commission's designee shall have the authority, subject to the other provisions of these rules, to rule on all procedural matters.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 07-21-156 (Order 615), § 230-17-090, filed 10/24/07, effective 1/1/08.]

WAC 230-17-145 Stays of final orders. (1) Any party may petition the commission for a stay of a final order in accordance with RCW 34.05.467.

(2) For purposes of this rule, the commission hereby delegates to the director the authority to deny a stay or issue a temporary stay ~~until the reviewing court can rule on a permanent stay~~. The decision of the director denying a stay is not subject to judicial review.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 07-21-156 (Order 615), § 230-17-145, filed 10/24/07, effective 1/1/08.]

WAC 230-17-150 Brief adjudicative proceedings. The commission adopts the procedure for brief adjudicative proceedings provided in RCW 34.05.482 through 34.05.494. The commission finds brief adjudicative proceedings will be conducted where the matter involves one of the following:

- (1) Stays of summary suspension; and
- (2) Denying or revoking extended operating hours for:
 - (a) Card games; and

(b) Bingo; and

(3) Charitable or nonprofit licensee appealing a denial of a request for waiver of significant progress requirements; and

(4) Failure to pay required gambling taxes, where that is the only alleged violation in the administrative charges; and

(5) Failure to pay a quarterly license fee or submit a quarterly license report or failure to pay a late fee assessed as a result of failure to pay a quarterly license fee or submit a quarterly license report ~~or associated late fees~~; and

(6) When the penalty we are requesting is a suspension of seven days or less; and

(7) When the parties stipulate to using a brief adjudicative proceeding.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 18-05-029, § 230-17-150, filed 2/9/18, effective 7/1/18; WSR 07-21-156 (Order 615), § 230-17-150, filed 10/24/07, effective 1/1/08.]



Staff Proposed Rule Making
New, Amended, and Repealed Rules
WAC 230-03-018, 230-05-126, and 230-05-132
New Rule WAC 230-03-028

August 2025 – Discussion and possible filing
July 2025 – Discussion only
May 2024 – Initiate Rule Making

Tab 8: August 2025 Commission Meeting Agenda.

Statutory Authority 9.46.070

Who Proposed the Rule Change?

Washington State Gambling Commission Staff

Background

BOLD = Changes made since July 2025 Commission Meeting

The Washington State Gambling Commission has been working to replace the current legacy IT systems since March 2023 in an effort to modernize technology. As we approach implementation of the new IT systems, commission staff has identified several chapters of WAC Title 230 that will need to be updated. These rule changes will correspond to the new capabilities of the new IT system and allow for more efficient processes for staff, licensees, and applicants. For example, the new IT systems will allow for electronic submission of documents, electronic notification, and electronic service of documents.

These rule changes will likely affect several different WAC chapters, including but not limited to permitting and licensing rules (230-03), fees (230-05), rules for all licensees (230-06), fund-raising event rules (230-09), bingo rules (230-10), and hearing rules (230-17).

At the May 2024 Commission meeting, Commissioners approved initial rulemaking to address necessary changes associated with IT modernization. Since the May 2024 Commission meeting, staff have worked with contractors to develop new IT systems. As we near implementation of the new systems, staff have identified the following rules to be created or amended:

- WAC 230-03-018 One annual change of bingo premises allowed. This proposed rule change simplifies the application.
- WAC 230-03-028 (NEW RULE) Online application requirements. The goal is to have all applicants, licensees and permit holders to apply online. However, in the case of individuals who are unable to do so, this allows for a waiver for good cause. Good cause for preventing submissions online would apply to those who don't have access to the internet or another circumstance which would prevent an individual from submitting online.
- WAC 230-05-126 Online filing and payments required with waivers available upon request for good cause. Polaris will create a more efficient and streamlined process for filing reports and paying fees online for licensees. This rule changes clarifies who must file reports and pay fees online. This will allow for waivers if an individual is unable to do so online. Waivers will be granted for good cause such as if an individual does not have internet access.
- WAC 230-05-132 Late filing of quarterly license reports or late payments of quarterly license fees – Penalties. The proposed changes:
 - Clarify the due date of the quarterly license fee to be due at the end of the month following instead of 30 days.
 - Allow us to extend filing requirements for quarterly reports.
 - Allow licensees additional time or the ability to have fees waived for good cause.

- WAC 230-06-048 (NEW RULE) Gambling equipment inquiries. Inquiries for us to determine if equipment meets the definition of gambling equipment require an application and a deposit before we conduct the review. Inquiry submissions will be accepted online with a flat fee:
 - The proposed changes would require amendments to WAC 230-05-160 and WAC 230-05-170 as well to establish the associated fee.

At the July commission meeting, Commissioners had an opportunity to discuss the proposed rule changes and allowed time for public comments. No comments were offered.

On July 23, 2025, staff held meetings with Tribal Partners and the public to hear general feedback regarding this rule change. Commenters asked brief clarifying questions regarding the process and draft language but generally expressed support for the proposed changes.

After considering this feedback and upon further internal discussion, staff decided not to proceed with the new gambling equipment inquiry rule. Therefore, staff removed the proposed new rule, WAC 230-06-048, and the amendments to WAC 230-05-160 and WAC 230-05-170 from this rule package

Attachments:

- New and revised WAC 230-03 and WAC 230-05.

Feedback

James Lambert provided public comment at the public feedback meeting held on July 24, 2025. Mr. Lambert expressed support for the rule changes, but suggested adding clarifying language to the proposed gambling equipment inquiry rule.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends filing the draft language for further discussion.

WAC 230-03-018 One annual change of bingo premises

allowed. (1) Once each license year, a bingo licensee may apply to play bingo at a different location (special property bingo).

(2) The bingo activity is limited to:

(a) Three consecutive days; and

(b) Sixteen consecutive hours each day.

(3) The application must be submitted ~~include the following information and fee,~~ at least fifteen days before the event. ~~first date, which includes:~~

~~(a) Name and address of the proposed location and dates of activity; and~~

~~(b) Names and addresses of all persons who have an interest of any kind in those premises; and~~

~~(c) Amount of rent, if any, that would be paid for the use of the premises; and~~

~~(d) Rent calculation.~~

(4) The special property bingo permit must be posted on the premises during the event.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 08-03-062 (Order 623), § 230-03-018, filed 1/14/08, effective 2/14/08.]

WAC 230-03-028 Online filing required. (1) All applicants, licensees, and permit holders must submit the following, if available, online:

(a) All new, renewal, and change applications, and

(b) Gambling equipment submissions and inquiries.

(2) If you are unable to submit online, you must request a waiver in writing. Waivers will be granted if an individual or organization can show good cause. The reasons for good cause include:

(a) You do not have access to the internet using your own computer or similar equipment; or

(b) Some other circumstance or condition exists that, in our judgment, prevents you from submitting online.

WAC 230-05-126 Online Quarterly License Report filing ~~and~~
~~payments~~ required with waivers available upon request for good
cause. (1) All- licensees must submit Quarterly Licensing
Reports ~~the following~~ online, ~~where applicable~~.

~~(a) Renewal application and base license fees; and~~

~~(b) Quarterly license fees; and~~

~~(c) Quarterly license reports.~~

(2) We may waive ~~these~~ this requirements if a licensed
organization can show good cause. The reasons for good cause
include:

(a) You do not have access to the internet using your own
computer or similar equipment; or

~~(b) You do not have a bank account; or~~

~~(c) Your bank is unable to send electronic fund
transactions; or~~

(~~a~~b) Some other circumstance or condition exists that, in
our judgment, prevents you from submitting online.

~~(3) We may waive these requirements if a licensed individual can show good cause. The reasons for good cause include:~~

~~(a) You do not have access to the internet using your own computer or similar equipment; or~~

~~(b) You do not have a bank account or credit card; or~~

~~(c) Your bank is unable to send electronic fund transactions; or~~

~~(d) Some other circumstance or condition exists that, in our judgment, prevents you from submitting online.~~

~~(4) You must request a waiver when applying for a new license or permit.~~

~~(5) A waiver will cover all fees and reports required under subsection (1) of this section.~~

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070, 9.46.075, 9.46.140, 9.46.153, 9.46.210. WSR 21-16-072, § 230-05-126, filed 7/30/21, effective 8/30/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 18-05-026, § 230-05-126, filed 2/9/18, effective 5/1/18.]

WAC 230-05-132 Late filing of quarterly license reports or late payment of quarterly license fees—Penalties. (1) Licensees who do not file their quarterly license reports and/or pay quarterly license fees by the end of the month following ~~within thirty days from~~ the end of each quarter are in violation of this chapter.

(2) The commission may, for good cause shown in writing, extend the time for making and filing any return, and may grant such reasonable additional time within which to make and file returns as it may deem proper.

(3) Licensees will be afforded one thirty-day late filing and payment period after their quarterly license reports and quarterly license fees are due. However, a twenty-five dollar fee will be charged for each day a licensee fails to file a quarterly license report or pay quarterly license fees during the thirty-day late filing and payment period.

(3) A licensee's failure to file quarterly license reports or pay quarterly license fees during the thirty-day late filing and payment period could result in administrative action against ~~your~~ their licenses.

(4) The commission may, for good cause shown in writing, reduce or waive late filing fees as it may deem proper.

~~(4)~~ (5) Licensees will be responsible for paying any outstanding license fees including, but not limited to, late fees and any additional costs associated with the collection of these fees before a license suspension is lifted or a new licensing application is approved.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 18-05-026, § 230-05-132, filed 2/9/18, effective 5/1/18.]