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Gambling Commission Meeting Thursday, April 9, 2026

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9:30 AM Call to Order

Alicia Levy, Chair

Tab 1 Consent Agenda

(Action)

March 12, 2026, Commission Meeting Minutes
New Licenses & Class III Gaming Employees

Director's Report

Tina Griffin, Executive Director

Tab 2 Rule Making Process Presentation

Tricia Gullion, Legislative Manager

**RULE MAKING
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT PROCEEDINGS**

Tab 3 Petition to Initiate Rule Making

(Action)

- Increase threshold for verifying certain card game winning hands

Tricia Gullion, Legislative Manager

Tab 4 Staff Request to Initiate Rule Making

(Action)

- Increase threshold for surveillance retention requirements of jackpots

Tricia Gullion, Legislative Manager

Executive Session–Closed to the Public

Adjourn

Updated: April 1, 2026

Next Meeting: May 14-15, 2026, at the Liquor and Cannabis Board, Olympia, WA

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**WASHINGTON STATE
GAMBLING COMMISSION
MEETING**

**April 9 ,2026
OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON**

Commissioners



Alicia Levy
Chair



Sarah Lawson
Vice Chair



Noah Skartvedt



Michael Charles

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Ex Officios



Senator
Steve Conway



Senator
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March 12, 2026

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
Noah Skartvedt – Virtual
Michael Charles – Excused

Ex Officio Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Tina Griffin, Executive Director; Jeneva Cotton, Deputy Director; Suzanne Becker, Assistant Attorney General; Tricia Gullion, Legislative and Policy Manager; George Shultz, ITD; Troy Kirby, Public Information Officer; Shannon Moore, Executive Assistant

Staff Present Virtually:

Erica Davis, Administrative Assistant; Adam Amorine, Legal Manager; Mark Collier, Special Agent.

There were 8 people in the audience and 21 people attended virtually.

Chair Levy welcomed everyone to the Liquor and Cannabis Board and called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Chair Levy announced that the meeting would be recorded and took the roll to ensure a quorum. She announced that no one had registered prior to the start of the meeting to provide public comment at today's meeting.

Tab 1- Petition to initiate rule making on self-exclusion term limits

Tricia Gullion, Legislative and Rules Manager, shared a petition to eliminate the self-exclusion term limits in WAC 230-23-015(3).

Petitioner Adams and a Cantonese interpreter joined the meeting by phone, but petitioner Adams could not unmute their phone to speak. Chair gave petitioner Adams until the end of the meeting to submit written comments, and no written comments were received by the conclusion of the meeting.

Commissioner Lawson moved to deny the petition submitted by Wanping Adams due to the self-exclusion rules currently aligning with all other states rules that are not allowing people to remove themselves from the self-exclusion list.

Commissioner Skartvedt seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously. 3:0

Tab 2 Consent Agenda

Chair Levy asked the Commissioners if they had any changes to the consent agenda.

They did not.

Commissioner Lawson moved to approve the consent agenda.
Commissioner Skartvedt seconded the motion
The motion passed unanimously. 3:0

Executive Director Tina Griffin provided an overview and update of the changes to My Account and Polaris; she described major changes and benefits that are coming with the upgrade to a cloud-based system. A slide deck was shared and is available on our website with important deadlines of how external users can prepare our IT modernization project we are launching in mid-May 2026.

Tab 3-Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Update

Kriscinda Hansen, Chief Financial Officer, updated the commissioners on the quarterly budget results, projections, and revenue outlook and expenditures.

Tab 4 2026 Legislative Session Report

Tricia Gullion, Legislative Manager provided an overview and highlight of the activities during the 2026 legislative session and notated that this was the last day of the short session.

Tab 5 Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling and Health Care Authority Presentation

Tana Russell, Deputy Director, Paulina Zyskowski Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling, Prevention and Community Outreach Specialist

Roxane Waldron, Administrator; Jeremy Whitaker, Prevention Coordinator, Health Care Authority

Tana welcomed everyone to Problem Gambling Awareness Month and shared program highlights along with Paulina. They highlighted partnerships that they are currently involved in as well as some new updates to their website. Additional information was provided about youth workshops and campaigns covering various topics surrounding healthy gaming and sports betting.

Roxane shared an update on program expansion projects to include youth and young adults, clinical training and data collection. The Disordered Gambling Advisory Workgroup (DGAW), offers free counseling for clients, and additional contracts provided to include adding multi-language options. Jeremy noted the focus of and prevention of gambling elements in games and apps and highlighted a new website focused on prevention for youth and young adults. This is a new project and more likely will be revealed in time with the launch of another new campaign starting in mid-April.

Tab 6 Problem Gambling Awareness Presentation

Mark Collier, Special Agent shared a presentation with statistics regarding problem gambling awareness month and the self-exclusion program. Mark highlighted gambling information and resources that the Washington State Gambling Commission provides to our licensees so they in turn can have the information available to customers and members.

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Adam Amorine, Legal Manager, presented information regarding the case for Miguel Arreguin, CR2025-01543 to revoke the license based off administrative charges filed against Mr. Arreguin.

Commissioner Lawson moved to revoke the employee certification of Miguel Arreguin, CR2025-01543
Commissioner Skartvedt seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously. 3:0

Tab 8 Petition to initiate rule making on equipment/self-dealing table

Tricia Gullion, Legislative Manager, introduced Cassidy Thomas who would like to initiate a new rule regarding equipment assisted card delivering tables. Cassidy shared a video to the commissioners on how the table works and had an opportunity to answer any questions.

Commissioner Lawson moved to initiate rulemaking to approve self-dealing tables.
Commissioner Skartvedt seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously. 3:0

At 11:32 AM, Chair Levy announced that the commissioners would be going into Executive Session until 12:32 PM. for the purpose to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and discuss with legal counsel potential litigation to which the agency is likely to become a party when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in adverse legal or financial consequences to the agency pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

At 12:32 Chair Levy re-entered the regular meeting to extend the executive session. At 1:08 PM, Chair Levy concluded the Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting with a quorum.

At 1:10 PM, 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 14.

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ORGANIZATION NAME

LICENSE NUMBER

PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

BINGO

FOE 02927/SUNNYSIDE
00-00333 01-01045

100 E SOUTH HILL RD
SUNNYSIDE WA 98944

RAFFLE

BALLARD FOOTBALL CLUB FOUNDATION
00-25921 02-21603

3027 17TH AVE W
SEATTLE WA 98119

CENTRAL VALLEY BEAR BOOSTER CLUB
00-16068 02-02682

821 S SULLIVAN ROAD
SPOKANE VALLEY WA 99037

COLUMBIA BASIN CANCER FOUNDATION
00-22100 02-09019

1022 S PIONEER WAY
MOSES LAKE WA 98837

DENISE LOUIE EDUCATION CENTER
00-25116 02-21332

6363 7TH AVE S
SEATTLE WA 98108

GOLDEN 22 FOUNDATION INC
00-25820 02-21571

120 PACIFIC AVE SUITE 103
TACOMA WA 98402

HERZL-NER TAMID CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATION
00-25922 02-21604

3700 E MERCER WAY
MERCER ISLAND WA 98040

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION
00-25796 02-21564

9500 JESKE RD
PESHASTIN WA 98847

THE SOPHIA WAY
00-25906 02-21595

8703 160TH AVE NE
REDMOND WA 98052

PUNCHBOARD/PULL-TAB COMMERCIAL STIMULANT

FORTUNE CASINO - SHORELINE
00-25881 05-22011

15030 AURORA AVE N
SHORELINE WA 98133

IMPERIAL PALACE CASINO
00-25808 05-21986

2823 SW ROXBURY ST
SEATTLE WA 98126

KEG ALEHOUSE & SPIRITS
00-25728 05-21975

718 W CANAL DR
KENNEWICK WA 993

LUCKY'S IRISH SPORTS BAR
00-25886 05-22012

1113 GRIFFIN AVE
ENUMCLAW WA 98022

THE ORCHARD HOUSE
00-25832 05-21995

112 FRONTIER WAY SW
MATTAWA WA 99349

ORGANIZATION NAME

LICENSE NUMBER

PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

GAMBLING SERVICE SUPPLIER

BMM TESTLABS
00-25731 26-00393

815 PILOT RD SUITE G
LAS VEGAS NV 89119

COMMERCIAL AMUSEMENT GAMES OPERATOR

IMPERIAL PALACE CASINO
00-25808 53-21597

2823 SW ROXBURY ST
SEATTLE WA 98126

NON HOUSE-BANKED CARD GAME

KEG ALEHOUSE & SPIRITS
00-25728 65-07570

718 W CANAL DR
KENNEWICK WA 993

HOUSE BANKED CARD GAMES

FORTUNE CASINO - SHORELINE
00-25881 67-00361

15030 AURORA AVE N
SHORELINE WA 98133

IMPERIAL PALACE CASINO
00-25808 67-00354

2823 SW ROXBURY ST
SEATTLE WA 98126

MID-LEVEL SPORTS WAGERING VENDOR

BMM TESTLABS
10-00884 82-00049

815 PILOT RD SUITE G
LAS VEGAS NV 89119

PERSON'S NAME
LICENSE NUMBER

EMPLOYER'S NAME
PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

DISTRIBUTOR REPRESENTATIVE

AUERBACHER, DANIEL J
22-01413

NRT TECHNOLOGIES INC
LAS VEGAS NV 89120

MANUFACTURER REPRESENTATIVE

AGUIRRE FRANCO, SALOME
23-02157

MASQUE PUBLISHING INC
LONE TREE CO 80124

BURNHAM, BRENDEN S
23-04207

EVERI PAYMENTS INC
LAS VEGAS NV 89113

CARPER, JOHN D II
23-02484

IGT
LAS VEGAS NV 89113

DAYALAN, KAVYA
23-03299

LIGHT & WONDER
LAS VEGAS NV 89119

LOPEZ, YOVANNY
23-04204

PASSPORT TECHNOLOGY USA INC
GLENDALE CA 91203

LU, ERIC
23-04211

KONAMI GAMING INC
LAS VEGAS NV 89119

MEADE, THYAIS R
23-04210

EVERI PAYMENTS INC
LAS VEGAS NV 89113

MEHLING, MICHAEL J
23-03277

ARISTOCRAT TECHNOLOGIES INC
LAS VEGAS NV 89135

MEKURIA, KALEAB T
23-04208

PASSPORT TECHNOLOGY USA INC
GLENDALE CA 91203

MEZA, ABRAHAM
23-04212

KONAMI GAMING INC
LAS VEGAS NV 89119

PAJARIN, CASSANDRA C
23-04209

LIGHT & WONDER
LAS VEGAS NV 89119

REYNOLDS, DAYJZA J
23-04206

ARISTOCRAT TECHNOLOGIES INC
LAS VEGAS NV 89135

SCHULMAN, TIMOTHY J
23-04197

KONAMI GAMING INC
LAS VEGAS NV 89119

TURNBULL, CRAIG R II
23-04213

KONAMI GAMING INC
LAS VEGAS NV 89119

PERSON'S NAME
LICENSE NUMBER

EMPLOYER'S NAME
PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

MANUFACTURER REPRESENTATIVE

UNDERWOOD-JETT, DAVID M
23-04205

VALICY GAMING
GREENVILLE NC 27834

CALL CENTER REPRESENTATIVE

BASTON, RACHELLE L
32-00122

VER-A-FAST
MENTOR OH 44061

FETTERS, MARSHA A
32-00064

VER-A-FAST
MENTOR OH 44061

JOHNSON, DEETREIN J
32-00126

VER-A-FAST
MENTOR OH 44061

MAJOR SPORTS WAGERING REPRESENTATIVE

AHTAROV, LYUBOMIR P
33-00752

DRAFTKINGS
BOSTON MA 02116

DZIENDZIEL, ADAM K
33-00747

CAESARS SPORTSBOOK
LAS VEGAS NV 89118

IVANOVA, KAMELIYA T
33-00751

DRAFTKINGS
BOSTON MA 02116

KNEER, JOSEPH E
33-00062

BETMGM LLC
JERSEY CITY NJ 07311

LUPANOVA, MARIA I
33-00750

DRAFTKINGS
BOSTON MA 02116

PIRAINO, JOHN P
33-00746

BETMGM LLC
JERSEY CITY NJ 07311

POLIC, MARKO
33-00754

IGT
LAS VEGAS NV 89113

SIEBERT, MARK B
33-00446

IGT
LAS VEGAS NV 89113

VIDEVA, VESELA B
33-00749

DRAFTKINGS
BOSTON MA 02116

PERSON'S NAME
LICENSE NUMBER

EMPLOYER'S NAME
PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

NON-PROFIT GAMBLING MANAGER

BERG-KELLETT, LONDA L
61-04850

FOE 02888/LYNNWOOD
LYNNWOOD WA 98036

CARD ROOM EMPLOYEE

ADAMS, RYAN S
68-38188

B

LAST FRONTIER
LA CENTER WA 98629-0000

ALONSO ALVARADO, JUAN J
68-38201

B

GRAND CASINO
SHORELINE WA 98133

ANDERSON, NIKKI C
68-38191

B

NEW PHOENIX
LA CENTER WA 98629

ANDERSON, TOMEKA D
68-38223

B

JOKER'S CASINO AND SPORTS BAR
RICHLAND WA 99352-4122

BRACKETT, CAMERON L
68-38185

B

FORTUNE CASINO LA CENTER
LA CENTER WA 98629

BUI, KHOA A
68-23584

B

FORTUNE CASINO - LACEY
LACEY WA 98516

CHIM, BUNTHOEUN
68-16075

B

GREAT AMERICAN CASINO/TUKWILA
TUKWILA WA 98168

COX, TYLER W
68-38193

B

GRAND CASINO
SHORELINE WA 98133

DIAZ, MICHAEL A
68-13195

B

GRAND CASINO
SHORELINE WA 98133

DONNELLY, SEAN P
68-14888

B

NOB HILL CASINO
YAKIMA WA 98902

DUONG, SANH D
68-38217

B

FORTUNE CASINO - SHORELINE
SHORELINE WA 98133

FESILI, TAVITA S
68-38190

B

IMPERIAL PALACE CASINO
TUKWILA WA 98188

GRADAILLE, ANTHONY G
68-38184

B

COYOTE BOB'S CASINO
KENNEWICK WA 99336

HALL, MARTELL D
68-38202

B

MACAU CASINO
LAKEWOOD WA 98499-4457

PERSON'S NAME
LICENSE NUMBER

EMPLOYER'S NAME
PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

CARD ROOM EMPLOYEE

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---|---|
| HOFFMAN, KEVIN M 68-38206 | B | JAMESTOWN SALOON ARLINGTON WA 98223 |
| HUBER, MARS A 68-38195 | B | ALL STAR CASINO SILVERDALE WA 98383 |
| JEZEK, JAMES A 68-37018 | B | GRAND CASINO SHORELINE WA 98133 |
| JOHNSTON, SCOTT K JR 68-04636 | B | ACE'S POKER LAKEWOOD WA 98499 |
| KENNEDY, CHRISTOPHER F 68-38213 | B | ALL STAR CASINO SILVERDALE WA 98383 |
| KHOUV, SOPHEA 68-35674 | B | FORTUNE CASINO - SHORELINE SHORELINE WA 98133 |
| KIM, CHINDA 68-26381 | B | FORTUNE CASINO - SHORELINE SHORELINE WA 98133 |
| KUDRIN, NADIA J 68-38204 | B | ACE'S POKER LAKEWOOD WA 98499 |
| LARA-MOORE, JENALYN A 68-38198 | B | FORTUNE CASINO LA CENTER LA CENTER WA 98629 |
| LEE, JOAN 68-35909 | B | SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/SEATAC SEATAC WA 98188 |
| LENG, HELENE 68-20878 | B | FORTUNE CASINO - SHORELINE SHORELINE WA 98133 |
| LOPEZ, THOMAS A III 68-38183 | B | BUZZ INN STEAKHOUSE/EAST WENATCHEE EAST WENATCHEE WA 98802 |
| LUO, JUN W 68-33702 | B | GRAND CASINO SHORELINE WA 98133 |
| LUU, VINCENT H 68-23156 | B | GREAT AMERICAN CASINO/TUKWILA TUKWILA WA 98168 |
| MCDOWELL, ERIC D 68-38174 | B | DESERT BLUFFS POKER ROOM KENNEWICK WA 99336 |
| MILLS, NOLAN R 68-38186 | B | FORTUNE CASINO LA CENTER LA CENTER WA 98629 |

PERSON'S NAME
 LICENSE NUMBER

EMPLOYER'S NAME
 PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

CARD ROOM EMPLOYEE

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| MOORE, LANCE R 68-33341 | B | SLO PITCH PUB & EATERY BELLINGHAM WA 98225 |
| NELSON, GREGORY E 68-16986 | B | FORTUNE CASINO - SHORELINE SHORELINE WA 98133 |
| NIWATSAKUN, AMPHORN 68-33733 | B | FORTUNE CASINO - SHORELINE SHORELINE WA 98133 |
| PEREZ FINKELMAN, DANIEL 68-37034 | B | CRAZY MOOSE CASINO II MOUNTLAKE TERRACE WA 98041 |
| PETERS, ROBERT K 68-04779 | B | GRAND CASINO SHORELINE WA 98133 |
| PETERSON, ETHAN M 68-38207 | B | JOKER'S CASINO AND SPORTS BAR RICHLAND WA 99352-4122 |
| PRAHL, KEVIN R 68-35895 | B | GRAND CASINO SHORELINE WA 98133 |
| REEDY, DENVER JR 68-06125 | B | FORTUNE CASINO - SHORELINE SHORELINE WA 98133 |
| REIFSNIDER, JAZMYN K 68-38215 | B | JOKER'S CASINO AND SPORTS BAR RICHLAND WA 99352-4122 |
| RICK, LAWRENCE N 68-21220 | B | SILVER DOLLAR CASINO/MILL CREEK MILL CREEK WA 98012-6384 |
| RUFFER, KELVIN M 68-11516 | B | FORTUNE CASINO - RENTON RENTON WA 98055 |
| SHINABERGER, MICHAL D 68-24254 | B | CASINO CARIBBEAN YAKIMA WA 98901 |
| SOK, SARA 68-13936 | B | FORTUNE CASINO - RENTON RENTON WA 98055 |
| SON, TAM T 68-20754 | B | GREAT AMERICAN CASINO/TUKWILA TUKWILA WA 98168 |
| SOPHORN, BILLY 68-38218 | B | FORTUNE CASINO - SHORELINE SHORELINE WA 98133 |
| STORRS, JONATHAN P 68-38212 | B | FORTUNE CASINO - SHORELINE SHORELINE WA 98133 |

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EMPLOYER'S NAME
 PREMISES LOCATION

NEW APPLICATIONS

CARD ROOM EMPLOYEE

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| TAATITI, TALA L 68-38197 | B | ACE'S POKER LAKEWOOD WA 98499 |
| TIMM, JOSHUA W 68-37197 | B | NEW PHOENIX LA CENTER WA 98629 |
| TRAMMELL, VICTOR B II 68-38182 | B | RIVERSIDE CASINO TUKWILA WA 98168 |
| TRAN, PHUOC H 68-21043 | B | GRAND CASINO SHORELINE WA 98133 |
| TRENTER, DAVID W JR 68-20007 | B | FORTUNE CASINO - SHORELINE SHORELINE WA 98133 |
| WAGNER, PETER L 68-38205 | B | FORTUNE CASINO - SHORELINE SHORELINE WA 98133 |
| WALLE, MELCHIZEDEK 68-38189 | B | JOKER'S CASINO AND SPORTS BAR RICHLAND WA 99352-4122 |
| WARREN, CHRISTOPHER W 68-34935 | B | BLACK PEARL RESTAURANT & CARD ROOM SPOKANE VALLEY WA 99206-4719 |
| WATKINS, CASSANDRA A 68-38192 | B | FORTUNE CASINO - RENTON RENTON WA 98055 |
| WHEATON, THI-SON W 68-38219 | B | GREAT AMERICAN CASINO/TUKWILA TUKWILA WA 98168 |
| WHITE, CHRISTIAN M 68-38187 | B | LAST FRONTIER LA CENTER WA 98629-0000 |
| YANG, LI XIAN 68-22128 | B | GRAND CASINO SHORELINE WA 98133 |

PERSON'S NAME

CERTIFICATION / ELIGIBILITY NUMBER

NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

CHEHALIS CONFEDERATED TRIBES

ALMONTES, GREGORIO L
69-60072

BOHANNON, WILLIAM J
69-60005

CLARK, CHRISTOPHER L
69-54356

COSTANTINI, RILEY D
69-60071

HACK, HUNTER A
69-60070

HURD, ROBERT D
69-60004

KOLPAK, STANLEY D III
69-60007

PICKERNELL, HAROLD E
69-13677

VANOGLA, DYLAN A
69-60077

VELAZQUEZ, MILIZA D
69-45944

WILRIDGE, TRACY L JR
69-60006

COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE

CASEY, ROXANNE J
69-59994

COLEMAN, KATELYN G
69-60008

FRANCISCO JUAN, OVIDIO
69-60018

GALLARDES, RYAN B
69-60052

HAMMACK, JOSHUA D
69-59981

HOUSE, CONNOR S
69-59989

JANTHONG, NARONGDACH
69-60035

JOHNSON, KEVIN B
69-60012

JONES, GREGORY M
69-60051

LANE, KIRSTEN H
69-56504

MANNING, RHONDA L
69-60053

MCCOMBS, VAN E
69-60036

PERSON'S NAME

CERTIFICATION / ELIGIBILITY NUMBER

NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE

MELIUS, PARKER A
69-60034

MENDOZA, JESUS B JR
69-60069

ORDONA, SHELLIE A
69-60024

OWEN, JESSICA P
69-60055

PAULL-WESTON, PAYDENN A
69-50577

RAMIREZ MENDEZ, ALEX
69-60061

TARBOX, BROOKE-LYNNE J
69-60029

KALISPEL TRIBE

CALDWELL, JUSTIN D
69-60002

DAHL, RYANN A
69-60003

MCVICKER, VANESSA J
69-59997

MONTI, THOMAS E
69-32847

SEDERA, LEAH R
69-24539

SHETLEY, KYLE A
69-59991

SMITH, DAVID A
69-60082

SORENSEN, RICHARD D JR
69-60059

WHITE, SAMUEL W
69-59996

LUMMI NATION

ANDERSON, ROBERT L III
69-48020

GUERRA, ALEXANDER C
69-59999

MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN TRIBE

BOLTON, CHRIS T
69-60014

FOULGER, JEROMIE S
69-31927

PERSON'S NAME

CERTIFICATION / ELIGIBILITY NUMBER

NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN TRIBE

FOX, ADRIAN
69-60015

MITCHELL, SASHA K
69-60040

NOAESE, JEREMIAH T JR
69-51541

NUGENT, RICARDO D
69-60039

PADILLA, JUSTIN PAUL A
69-60038

NISQUALLY INDIAN TRIBE

CORDERO, JOEL C
69-60028

GONZALEZ, GONZALO
69-55948

IOANE, VJ N
69-60068

KAERCHER, DANIEL A
69-60048

PERETE-GONZALEZ, WILLIAM
69-60026

PFULMANN, ANTHONY N
69-43447

SMITH, JASMINE
69-35739

SMITHWICK, MATTHEW A
69-60047

WITHERSPOON, TEHYA L
69-60027

NOOKSACK INDIAN TRIBE

HOWARD, ZACHARY A
69-59980

PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE

BLACKMON, QUINCY D
69-60043

GUERRERO, SEAN L
69-60044

JONES, ANTHONY J
69-60046

TOM, CHRISTIAN F
69-60087

PERSON'S NAME

CERTIFICATION / ELIGIBILITY NUMBER

NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE

YOUNG, JIMMY L
69-60058

PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS

CABA, RINDEL A
69-36582

CHARLTON, CHANCE L
69-60000

DILLON, JACOB R
69-60089

KEESY, KENNETH A
69-56535

LADUCER-EARL, JOSHEWA J
69-55957

OLIONE, CRYSTAL A
69-38753

SILIVA, JOSIAH A
69-60030

SISSON, ALEAHA N
69-11105

STEELE, BLAKE A
69-38542

WILLIAMS, ELIJAH A
69-60001

SHOALWATER BAY TRIBE

GRIST, THADDEOUS K
69-60010

SKOKOMISH TRIBE

MCKIMSON, DANIELLE A
69-34643

SNOQUALMIE TRIBE

GRONEWALD, MASON H
69-60021

HONG, YANYAN
69-38722

KELLY, RYAN T
69-60049

MA, DI
69-60023

PERSON'S NAME

CERTIFICATION / ELIGIBILITY NUMBER

NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

SNOQUALMIE TRIBE

PHAM, JOHN D
69-15643

WILKINS, JOHNNY J
69-55596

SPOKANE TRIBE

CARLSON, SAMANTHA K
69-60050

DAHL, DANA M
69-60045

HENSEL, AMY J
69-59993

IVERSEN, SPENCER C
69-60037

SANDBERGEN, TRINITY G
69-59995

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

BLAYTER, ANNA L
69-60025

PENN-ROCO, SASHA R
69-27530

SWINOMISH INDIAN TRIBAL COMMUNITY

ARENDAIN, LANCE LOUIS T
69-59988

BECK, TYLER C
69-60016

BORDEN-STEWART, HELMIRA A
69-22614

LEEDOM, WILLIAM A
69-60019

WILSON, PATRICK C
69-59998

WOLFF, CHAMONIX L
69-60017

THE TULALIP TRIBES

BARAJAS, MARTELL S
69-60033

BLACKBONNET, MEDINA C
69-60031

BROOKS, ELEANORE J
69-60056

CARPENTER, DILLON L
69-60011

PERSON'S NAME

CERTIFICATION / ELIGIBILITY NUMBER

NEW APPLICATIONS

CLASS III GAMING EMPLOYEE

THE TULALIP TRIBES

CARTER, TONI A
69-60032

CUELLAR, IRENE
69-34788

FISH, MALLORY L
69-60085

HEIL TESTU, BEVERLY A
69-60086

REYNA, JADEN M
69-60060

SINGH, SACHIN
69-60009

THOMPSON, AURELIA Y
69-60057

UPPER SKAGIT INDIAN TRIBE

FRY, JOEL W
69-60088

ROLEY, MICHAEL J
69-60013

YAKAMA NATION

CANTU, TERRELL I
69-58387

GUTIERREZ, BLANDY
69-44012

WYMAN, MARLENA S
69-60066



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 - SHORELINE | SHORELINE | | Jun 30, 2026 | 00-25881 | 67-00361 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| IMPERIAL PALACE CASINO | SEATTLE | | Jun 30, 2026 | 00-25808 | 67-00354 |

| Licensed and Operating | | | 34 | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
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| JOKER'S CASINO AND SPORTS BAR | RICHLAND | Nov 12, 1998 | Jun 30, 2026 | 00-15224 | 67-00006 |
| 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 |
| 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 |

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| CASINO CARIBBEAN | KIRKLAND | | | 00-25828 | 67-00355 |
| GRAND CASINO RENTON | RENTON | | | 00-25793 | 67-00353 |
| TBD / BOTHELL | BOTHELL | | | 00-25863 | 67-00358 |
| TBD / MOUNTLAKE TERRACE | MOUNTLAKE TERRACE | | | 00-25862 | 67-00357 |
| TBD / SEATAC | SEATAC | | | 00-25864 | 67-00359 |
| TBD / SEATTLE | SEATTLE | | | 00-25865 | 67-00360 |
| TBD / TUKWILA | TUKWILA | | | 00-25861 | 67-00356 |



Washington State Gambling Commission

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

April 9, 2026

TO: COMMISSIONERS

Alicia Levy, Chair
Sarah Lawson, Vice Chair
Michael Charles
Noah Skartvedt
VACANT

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

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

FROM: Tina Griffin, Executive Director

SUBJECT: April 2026 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Polaris Go-Live Date – May 11, 2026

We urge our external users to prepare for the changes to MyAccount by checking out the various videos and training guides on the “Changes Coming to MyAccount” page on our website.

From May 1 through 11, while we transition to the new system:

- MyAccount will not be available.
- The self-exclusion list will not be accessible.
- Payments will be accepted by mail only.
- Quarterly License Reports and Fees cannot be filed, paid, or amended.
- No licenses, permits, certifications, eligibility determinations, or registrations will be issued.

Reports of an Illegal Activity or a Violation

In the first quarter of 2026, we received 125 reports via our website, phone, and mail of gambling violations or illegal activities. We investigate all reports.

The dispositions of those investigations were as follows:

| | Verbal Warning | Criminal Citation | NOI* / NOVAS** | Information Only | Unfounded | Pending Investigation |
|----------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| January | 9 | 1 | | 20 | 9 | |
| February | 8 | | 1 NOI | 19 | 6 | 3 |
| March | 7 | | 1 NOVAS | 19 | 10 | 11 |

*NOI is a Notice of Infraction, which means a written notice of WAC violation was issued to the licensee.

**NOVAS is a Notice of Violation and Settlement that is issued to an organizational or individual licensee in which sufficient violations have occurred, and staff has determined that a fine is more appropriate than filing administrative charges.

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WASHINGTON STATE
**GAMBLING
COMMISSION**

RULEMAKING IN WASHINGTON STATE

BACKGROUND

- The formal process by which Washington State agencies create, amend, or repeal regulations (“rules”) that implement state laws.
- Rulemaking authority comes from the Gambling Act, RCW 9.46.
- Gambling Commission rules are found in WAC Title 230.



PERMANENT RULES



- Transparency and public participation – Public notice is required. Stakeholders, interested parties, and any other member of the public can comment and influence the outcome of rulemaking.
- Accountability – Agencies must explain rules and consider impacts.
- Consistency with law – Rules must align with statutory authority.
- Rules are generally proposed by staff or by petitions from the public. Once a rule change is proposed by the public, the Commission has 60 days to initiate rulemaking or deny the petition.



RULE MAKING STAGES

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Preproposal | This announces the agency's intent to consider rulemaking. | If approved, a CR 101 is filed. |
| 2. Rule Development | Draft rule language, stakeholder and tribal partner engagement, internal/legal review. | No action. Often presented as a discussion only topic at commission meetings. |
| 3. Proposed Rule | Formal proposal with rule language is presented. | If approved, a CR 102 is filed. |
| 4. Public Comment & Hearing | A formal public comment period is open, and a public hearing is scheduled at a future commission meeting. The public comment period must be at least 20 days between the CR 102 and the public hearing. | No action. |
| 5. Rule Adoption | Final rule adaption stage. Staff develops a concise explanatory statement explaining the rule and responds to comments. | If approved, a CR 103 is filed. The rule is effective 31 days after filing. |





WASHINGTON STATE
**GAMBLING
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QUESTIONS?



Rule Petition
Amend WAC 230-15-320 (4)
April 2026 – Initiate Rule Making

Tab 3: April 2026 Commission Meeting Agenda.

Statutory Authority 9.46.070

Who Proposed the Rule Change?

Eugene Freer – TIL Gaming

Background

Petitioner Eugene Freer would like to amend WAC 230-15-320 (4) to increase the prize threshold from \$3,000 to \$5,000 for when surveillance rooms are required to use pan-tilt-zoom cameras (PTZ) to verify winning hands, amounts of the wager, amounts of the pay out and players who have won the prize.

Currently, house-banked card rooms are required to have a closed-circuit television (CCTV) system with fixed cameras over each gambling table to view gambling activities and areas to include, but not limited to, cards, wagers, and the chip tray. These fixed cameras over each table provide an overview shot of the entire table and are not zoomed in on individual player faces, cards, wagers, and/or payouts. These fixed camera views must be retained for seven days.

The petitioner believes the amendments are necessary because higher wager limits of \$400 have increased the frequency of prize payouts over \$3,000. The increased frequency of prize payouts at the \$3,000 level has led to surveillance observers dedicating more of their time capturing the required information in WAC 230-15-320 and less time with other duties, such as overall monitoring and oversight of gambling operations. The increased frequency of prize payouts at the \$3,000 level has also required the retaining of more surveillance video footage involving PTZ's which take up more hard drive space on DVR's.

Attachments:

- Petition
- WAC 230-15-320

Policy Considerations

WAC 230-15-320 (4) requires camera coverage for certain prizes won, specifically prizes over \$3,000 which often include jackpot prizes. Note: Jackpot prizes involve player funds which are more strictly controlled in rules. A PTZ camera can zoom in close on gambling tables to more definitively show exact wagers made, card values and suits, and specific player faces at gambling tables. This is important information to capture for dispute resolution involving large prizes.

For reference, below is the history of the rule requiring house-banked card rooms to use PTZ cameras to verify winning hands, amounts of the wager, amounts of the pay out and players who have won the prize:

| | Wager Limit | Prize Minimum Triggering Surveillance Observer/PTZ Action |
|------------|-------------|---|
| 2001 | \$ 100.00 | \$ 500.00 |
| 10/22/2004 | \$ 200.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 1/1/2009 | \$ 300.00 | \$ 3,000.00 |

Note: in 2023, the commission approved an increase to the wagering limits from \$300 to \$400. The prize minimum triggering the surveillance observer to use the PTZ camera stayed at \$3,000.

Regulatory Considerations

Commission staff did not identify any regulatory concerns.

- Staff feel that an increase in the prize threshold to \$5,000 will not diminish the ability for dispute resolution. Technology related to surveillance equipment has advanced significantly since 2001 when the rule was first developed. Card rooms now utilize digital surveillance systems with high-definition cameras to view gambling tables. Other WAC rules require at a minimum one fixed camera over each gambling table. In most cases, these fixed high-definition cameras can usually capture most of the required information required in WAC 230-15-320.
- Staff reviewed the Commission’s database for the last six years for any complaints regarding large jackpots/payouts in combination with any violations of WAC 230-15-320. Staff did not identify any complaints concerning large payouts nor a situation where the required PTZ was needed for dispute resolution. The petitioner’s request would still require the PTZ in addition to the fixed cameras.
- Staff do not anticipate additional time or staffing for inspections to test for compliance with a higher prize threshold of \$5,000.

Staff Recommendation

Under the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, the Commission must act on a petition within 60 days of receiving it. Your options are:

- 1) Initiate rule-making proceedings by filing the rule as proposed for further discussion; or
- 2) Deny the petition in writing, a) stating the reasons for denial and specifically address the concerns stated in the petition, or b) where appropriate, indicate alternative means by which the agency will address the concerns raised in the petition.

From: [Washington State Gambling Commission](#)
To: [Rules Coordinator \(GMB\)](#)
Subject: Webform submission from: Request a rule change
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 4:29:14 PM

External Email

Submitted on February 25, 2026 - 4:29pm

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Petitioner's Name

Eugene Freer

Address

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Phone

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Email

gene.freer@tilgaming.com

Rule Petition Type

Amend Rule - I am requesting WSGC to change an existing rule.

Amend Rule Selection Function

List rule number (WAC) if known

WAC 230-15-320 (4)

I am requesting the following change

Change greater than \$3000 to \$5000 or more.

This change is needed because

I would like to bring to your attention that with the higher limits of \$400, we have observed an increase in the frequency of jackpots. This rise in activity necessitates that our observers dedicate more time to focusing on each individual event.

The effect of this rule change will be

To ensure that we maintain our standards of monitoring and oversight, it is essential that our observers are adequately prepared for this increased demand.

WAC 230-15-320 Surveillance room requirements for house-banked card game licensees. House-banked card game licensees must maintain one or more surveillance rooms. They must:

(1) Control access to the surveillance room so that only surveillance department employees use the room. Owners or their approved supervisory or management personnel may also enter the surveillance room to monitor activities. Licensees may allow authorized personnel to escort any other person into the surveillance room for educational, investigative, or maintenance purposes; and

(2) Ensure that surveillance room entrances are not easily observed from the gambling floor; and

(3) Ensure that a surveillance employee is present in the room and monitoring activities using the equipment any time the card room is conducting gambling and during the count process. However, subject to subsection (4) of this section, licensees may operate the surveillance room without staff:

(a) For routine breaks that are less than thirty minutes per shift; or

(b) When only nonhouse-banked card games are operated with wager limits of forty dollars or less and such limits are documented in their internal controls.

(4) Ensure that any time a winning wager, a jackpot, or bonus pay out greater than three thousand dollars is won, they use pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ) cameras to verify:

(a) Winning hands; and

(b) Amounts of the wager; and

(c) Amounts of the pay out; and

(d) Players who won the prize.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 09-11-093 (Order 645), § 230-15-320, filed 5/18/09, effective 7/1/09; WSR 08-23-080 (Order 638), § 230-15-320, filed 11/18/08, effective 1/1/09; WSR 07-10-034 (Order 611), § 230-15-320, filed 4/24/07, effective 1/1/08.]



Rule Petition
Amend WAC 230-15-319 (2) (b) (ii)
April 2026 – Request To Initiate Rule Making

Tab 4: April 2026 Commission Meeting Agenda.

Statutory Authority 9.46.070

Who Proposed the Rule Change?

Washington State Gambling Commission Staff

Background

For regulatory consistency and alignment with the rule-change request to WAC 230-15-320, staff request WAC 230-15-319 (2) (b) (ii), which requires house-banked card rooms to retain video of jackpot payouts of \$3,000 or more for thirty days be amended to raise the threshold to \$5,000.

Currently, house-banked card rooms are required to have a closed-circuit television (CCTV) system with fixed cameras over each gambling table to view gambling activities and areas to include, but not limited to, cards, wagers, and chip tray. These fixed cameras over each table provide an overview shot of the entire table and are not zoomed in on individual player faces, cards, wagers, and/or payouts. These fixed camera views must be retained for seven days and recordings for jackpots of \$3,000 or more must be retained for at least 30 days.

Staff believe the amendment is necessary to align with rule change request to WAC 230-15-320 to increase the prize threshold from \$3,000 to \$5,000 for when surveillance rooms are required to use pan-tilt-zoom cameras (PTZ) to verify winning hands, amounts of the wager, amounts of the pay out and players who have won the prize.

Attachments:

- WAC 230-15-319

Policy Considerations

WAC 230-15-319 (2) (b) (ii) requires video recordings documenting jackpot pay outs be kept for thirty days for prizes over \$3,000.

The recording and retention requirement for jackpots of \$3,000 or more in WAC 230-15-319 was established in 2000.

If the prize threshold in WAC 230-15-320 were increased to \$5,000 and WAC 230-15-319 was also not increased to \$5,000, this could cause confusion for house-banked card rooms and agents as far as what camera views they need to retain for thirty days. For example, currently, WAC's 230-15-319 and 15-320 have the same triggering prize threshold, \$3,000. So, when a surveillance observer identifies a prize that meets this triggering threshold, they retain for thirty days the PTZ recording required to be captured by WAC 230-15-320 to meet the recording requirement in WAC 230-15-319. The PTZ recording provides better coverage detail than the fixed camera view.

If the PTZ recording of jackpot prizes in WAC 230-15-320 were raised to \$5,000 and the recording requirement for recordings in WAC 230-15-319 remained at \$3,000, there would be some situations where the surveillance observer would only retain for thirty days a table overview shot (fixed camera view) of a jackpot and not the PTZ. For example, any prize between \$3,000 and \$4,999.

Regulatory Considerations

Since there are other rules in WAC 230-15 that utilize a prize threshold of \$5,000 as a basis for regulatory requirements, it seems prudent to align the prize thresholds within WAC 230-15-319 to make it easier for licensee compliance and regulatory consistency.

An increase in the prize threshold to \$5,000 will not diminish the ability for dispute resolution. Technology related to surveillance equipment has advanced significantly since WAC 230-15-319 was first developed. Card rooms now utilize digital surveillance systems with high-definition cameras to view gambling tables. WAC rules require house-banked card rooms to retain at least seven days of all required camera views. However, many card rooms retain recordings far longer than required.

Staff do not anticipate additional staff time or more agents needed for inspections to test for compliance with a higher prize threshold of \$5,000.

Staff Recommendation

Staff is recommending the commission initiate rulemaking to the recording and retention requirements in WAC 230-15-319 to align with changes to WAC 230-15-320.

WAC 230-15-319 Retaining video recordings. (1) Class F and house-banked card game licensees must label video recordings and audio recordings, as required, to identify the activities recorded.

(2) Licensees must keep:

(a) All recordings for seven gambling days, for example, Monday's gambling day recording may be recorded over on Tuesday of the following week; and

(b) Recordings documenting jackpot pay outs for at least thirty days:

(i) For player supported jackpots, retain recordings of jackpots of five hundred dollars or more; and

(ii) For house-banked games, retain recordings of jackpots of three thousand dollars or more; and

(c) Recordings of evidentiary value for as long as we request.

(3) We may increase these retention requirements by notifying licensees.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 07-07-056 (Order 607), § 230-15-319, filed 3/14/07, effective 1/1/08.]