

# North Dakota Gaming Update



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## Public Hearings

Public hearings will be held around the state to consider proposed changes to the Games of Chance Administrative rules, as follows:

- Grand Forks: Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 10:00 AM Education Room, Development Homes, Inc., 3880 S. Columbia Road.
- Fargo: Wednesday, December 14, 2011, 10:00 AM Teamsters Hall, 21 South 18th St.
- Minot: Thursday, December 15, 2011, 10:00 AM, City Council Chamber, City Hall, 515 2nd Ave SW.
- Bismarck: Friday, December 16, 2011, 10:00 AM, Peace Garden Room, State Capitol Building, 600 E. Boulevard Ave.

The proposed amendments allow quick shot bingo card marking devices, address industry issues and implement law changes. A copy of the purposed rules may be viewed online at <http://www.ag.nd.gov/Gaming/Ruleschanges2012.pdf>, or by contacting the Gaming Division 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505, or calling 701-328-4848. ♦

## Coming Soon ... Event Ticket Games

The Gaming Commission approved a field test of Event Ticket (pull tab) games to start January 1, 2012. Event Ticket games are single deals of pull tab tickets sold at an event. Games may contain instant winning pull tabs, and the top prize is determined by drawing a bingo ball or using a caller's card with a sealed number.

The Gaming staff is working on guidelines which will be available for distributors prior to the start of the field test. Event Ticket games will be reported on line 3c of the gaming tax return. ♣

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# Annual Inventory Reconciliations

North Dakota Administrative Code § 99-01.3-03-09 (Inventory records of games, paper bingo cards, tickets, cash banks, and chips and reconciliation) requires that on an annual basis a person who does not have access to the inventory must do a count and reconciliation of:

1. Actual deals and games in play and in inventory to the master and site inventory records of all deals and games that have a state gaming stamp affixed to the flares;
2. Actual paper bingo cards on hand to the master and site inventory records of paper bingo cards;
3. Actual tickets on hand to the master and site inventory records of rolls of tickets;
4. Actual cash bank amounts on hand to the master cash bank inventory records;
5. Actual chips on hand to the inventory of chips that are recorded as being at the home office and sites.

The documentation for the inventory reconciliations must include the name and title of the person who conducted the count and reconciliation, the date and procedure performed, the results, any corrective action taken, and the initials of that person. ♥

## Gaming Commission Meeting

A joint meeting of the State Gaming Commission and Gaming Advisory Board was held on November 3rd at the Bismarck Public Library.

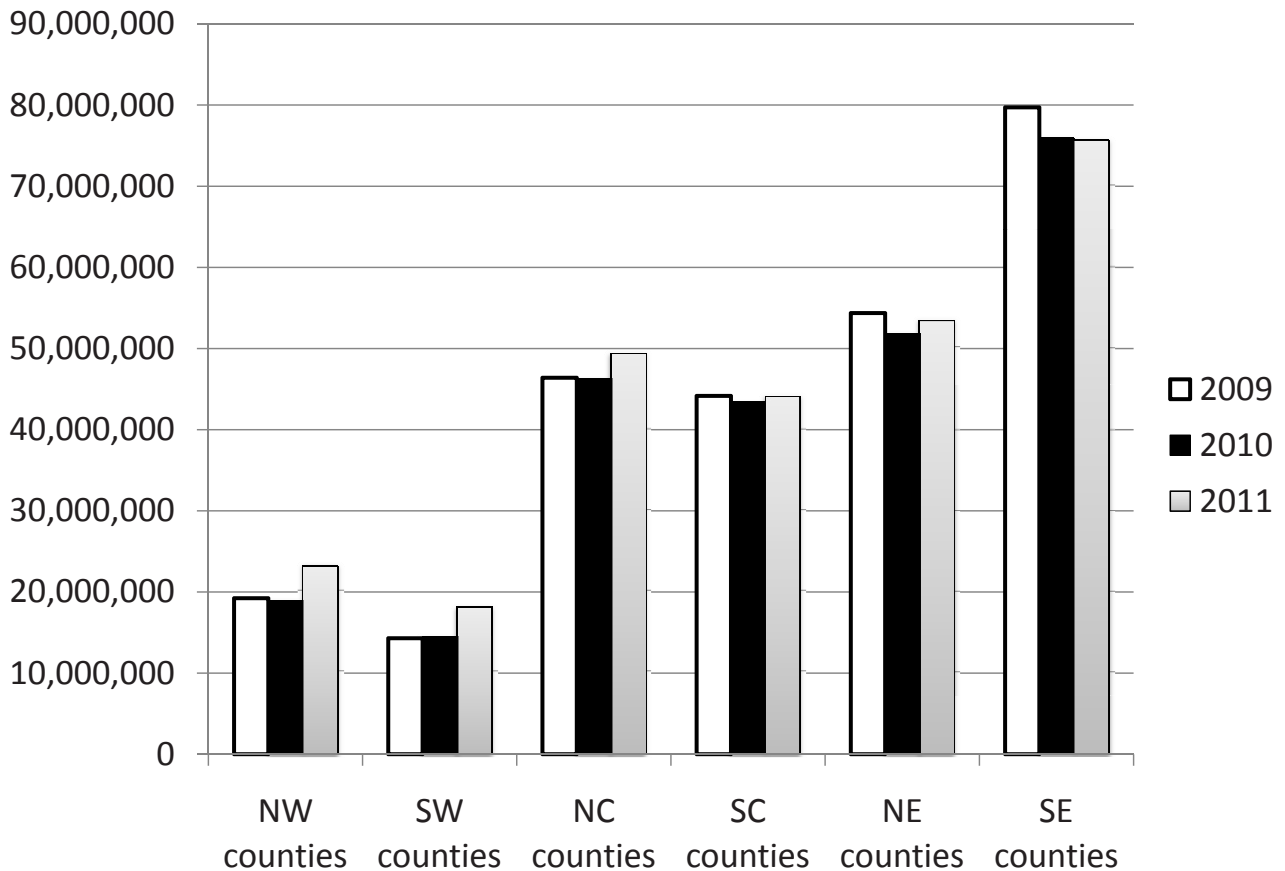
At the meeting, members reviewed administrative rule changes proposed by the Office of Attorney General to address the play of quick shot bingo card marking devices, changes required by the 2011 legislative session, and some clarifications and procedural changes. After making some minor modifications the Commission voted to proceed with public hearings in four cities around the state.

Advisory Board Chair, Kathy Meagher, will be working with several members of the Advisory Board to provide input prior to the public hearings. The Advisory Board desires to make some rule changes that were not part of the draft document prepared by the Office of Attorney General but will be discussed and considered by the Commission as part of the rule making process. ♠



# Gaming by Geographical Area

Although the trend shows a general increase in wagers in western and central counties of the state during the past three fiscal years, the total dollar amount wagered in the eastern counties is still much larger than any of the western or central counties.



# Gaming Activity

Gross wagers were \$68.3 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2011. This was an 8.3% increase or \$5,690,872 when compared to the quarter ended June 30, 2010. The largest increases were in pull tab dispensing devices with a \$1,607,107 or 10.1% increase, bingo with a \$1,486,678 or 15.7% increase, and twenty-one with a \$1,426,844 or 7.6% increase. A record amount of \$15,970,243 was wagered through pull tab dispensing devices, with adjusted gross proceeds of \$3,622,892. This beat the previous record of \$15,128,801 from June 30, 1993. The 22.7% of profit to the charitable organizations for this game type is 2% higher than the manual pull tabs jars operated by the licensed gaming organizations.

The amount of money wagered on charitable games of chance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, was up by 5.8% or \$14,541,758 when compared to the year ended June 30, 2010. The largest increases were in bingo with \$4,721,376 or 14.8%, pull tab dispensing devices with a increase of \$4,045,315 or 7.2%, and twenty-one with a increase of \$2,981,100 or 4.3%. Raffles had the largest percentage increase at 30.4% or \$1,320,248. This reversed a recent trend with a decrease in total wagers during the past two fiscal years. ♣

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# Holiday Greeting

Best wishes for a happy upcoming holiday season from the staff of the Attorney General's Gaming Division and Licensing section: Keith, Tracy, Colleen, Patty, Laura, Renae, Jayme, Deb, Rebecca, Monica, Terry, Marguerite, Beth, Michelle, Jennifer, Missy, and Christine.

