Summary Sheet

Meeting dates: September 13, 2019

Agenda item: 8. Distributing License Discounts Proportionally to Accounts

Presenter(s): Nate Pamplin, Director of Budget and Government Affairs

Background summary:

A license package is a composite of two or more licenses and endorsements, sold at or below the cumulative price of its components. RCW 77.12.470(5) provides authority for the Commission to create new packages.

If the Commission creates a license package that is discounted, the proposed WAC directs the Department to distribute the discount proportional to the various accounts.

The proposed WAC will include new license packages created since January 1, 2017 (i.e., the Fish Washington license) and will commence in License Year 2020 (April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021). License Year 2020 products will be sold beginning December 1, 2019.

Staff recommendation: At a subsequent meeting, adopt the WAC as proposed to proportionally apply a license package discount to all of the relevant component accounts.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome: This is an accounting change that will ensure each component account is proportionally impacted by the rate of the overall package discount.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation: There is no new revenue generated in this WAC. This proposed rule will distribute the license package discount of the Fish Washington package and any new packages, commencing in License Year 2020 (which will begin to re-assign revenue within Fiscal Year 2020). This will optimize the collection of non-restricted funds from current practice.

Public involvement process used and what you learned: The Department's CR-101 was filed April 17, 2019. The CR-102 was filed July 3, 2019. As of writing this summary sheet on August 30, 2019, the Department has not received any public comment.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps: Staff briefing and public hearing. Rule adoption will be scheduled for another meeting.

Draft motion language:

Post decision communications plan: The new WAC will be communicated to WDFW licensing and fiscal staff and will operationally go into effect December 1, for sales of 2020 License Year products.