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Little reappointed as Associate Commissioner at the National Indian Gaming Commission

WASHINGTON, May 16, 2013 – Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell today announced Daniel Little's reappointment as Associate Commissioner at the National Indian Gaming Commission. Commissioner Little was first appointed by former Secretary Ken Salazar in February 2010; his reappointment is through April 2016.

"Dan's tribal gaming experience, extensive consultations with tribal communities and improvements to the NIGC's operations since his first appointment commenced in 2010 have demonstrated his leadership abilities," said Secretary Jewell. "I'm pleased to have Dan continue to serve in this important capacity."

Since arriving at the NIGC in 2010, Commissioner Little has assisted in building a stronger, more effective agency. He led the 2011-2012 tribal advisory committee, which provided important feedback and advice on the Agency's on-going regulatory review, which so far has resulted in 17 final rules and one repeal. In addition, Commissioner Little helped reform the NIGC's process for consulting with tribes and has participated in nearly all of the NIGC's more than 50 consultations since his appointment. Among his other achievements, Commissioner Little has helped to create more effective and integrated operational procedures and processes at the NIGC.

"I remain committed to protecting tribal interests and assets, while upholding the Commission's responsibility for ensuring the integrity of the Indian gaming industry," said Little. "Working with tribes, we have accomplished much over the past three years. It has been an honor to serve on the Commission and I'm excited to continue the work for an additional term."

Commissioner Little has more than a decade of Indian gaming related experience. He served as manager of National Governmental Affairs for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and Foxwoods Resort Casino in Connecticut. In this role, he provided regulatory and compliance guidance to the tribal gaming commission and gaming enterprise. Prior to joining the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, Commissioner Little was employed as a Policy Analyst for the Connecticut State legislature in Hartford, Conn. Little holds a Bachelor's of Arts degree from Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton and served for more than ten years in the United States Army Reserve.

Associate commissioner appointments are noticed in the Federal Register. Pending the results of a 30-day comment period and consideration of public comment, the Secretary of the Interior moved to reappoint Daniel Little.

The <u>National Indian Gaming Commission</u> is committed to the prompt and efficient regulation of the Indian gaming industry, which spans more than 420 gaming establishments, associated with nearly 240 tribes across 28 states. The Commission's dedication to compliance with the <u>Indian Gaming Regulatory Act</u> ensures the integrity of the \$27 billion Indian gaming industry. For more information, visit <u>www.nigc.gov.</u>