



# Biography

## PORTLAND REGION DIRECTOR SAMUEL WETZLER



Samuel Wetzler serves as the Portland Region Director at the National Indian Gaming Commission. As Region Director, he is responsible for the technical assistance, training, and compliance at 53 Indian gaming facilities owned and operated by 48 federally recognized tribes located in the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

Prior to becoming Region Director, Wetzler was a Compliance Officer for nearly two years. Before joining the NIGC, Wetzler spent 22+ years working in Indian gaming. Positions held include Security, Surveillance, and Regulatory. Samuel has held the position of Tribal Gaming Agency Director with the Nisqually Indian Tribe, Tribal Gaming Agency Director with the Lummi Nation and Surveillance Director for the Lummi Nation's Silver Reef Casino and Executive Director of the Puyallup Tribal Gaming Regulatory Office.

Wetzler graduated from Eastern Washington University and holds a degree in Criminal Justice and Minor in Sociology.

*The [Indian Gaming Regulatory Act](#) created the National Indian Gaming Commission to support tribal self-sufficiency and the integrity of Indian gaming. The NIGC has developed four initiatives to support its mission including (1) To protect against anything that amounts to gamesmanship on the backs of tribes; (2) To stay ahead of the Technology Curve; (3) Rural outreach; and (4) To maintain a strong workforce within NIGC and with its tribal regulatory partners. NIGC oversees the efficient regulation of 506 gaming establishments operated by 246 tribes across 29 states. The Commission's dedication to compliance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act ensures the integrity of the growing \$31.2 billion Indian gaming industry. To learn more, visit [www.nigc.gov](http://www.nigc.gov) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).*

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