



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 55 Indian gaming facilities owned and operated by 47 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. NIGC oversees the efficient regulation of 520 gaming establishments operated by 247 tribes across 29 states.

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