

STATEMENT OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE WARM SPRINGS INDIAN RESERVATION OF
OREGON CONCERNING INDIAN GAMING MATTERS

NIGC – STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FY 2014-2018
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TO: Chairwoman Tracie Stevens
Vice-Chair, Steffani Cochran
Commissioner Daniel Little

The Warm Springs Gaming Commission would like to present the following concern and official comments on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation of Oregon to the National Indian Gaming Commission on the following issue:

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FY 2014-2018

In response to the proposed Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2014-2018, the Warm Springs Gaming Commission has the following concerns:

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The language “tribal, federal and state regulatory agencies and authorities...” is of grave concern.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (CTWS) and the Warm Springs Gaming Commission (WSGC) maintain that the WSGC is the regulatory agency for the CTWS and the Tribally owned casino.

The WSGC maintains that the Oregon State Police – Tribal Gaming Section are an oversight agency and are not “regulators;” which is clearly defined within the Tribal/State Compact which states “the Tribe and the State agree that the State functions of monitoring and oversight of tribal gaming operations...”

The CTWS and the WSGC recommend that the language be modified to read “tribal regulatory authorities, federal and state agencies.” This minor change maintains the integrity and sovereignty of the Tribes.

Please forward written responses to:

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