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NIGC Announces Additional Tribal Consultations for February 2012

Washington, DC January 19, 2012 — The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC/Commission) announced today that it has scheduled an additional two consultations in February 2012 as part of its continued Regulatory Review process.

In April 2011, the Commission embarked on a regulatory review process that included Tribal consultations throughout Indian Country. As a result, NIGC has published several proposed rules in the Federal Register including, most recently, [25CFR Part 537](#), [25 CFR Parts 556 & 558](#), [25 CFR Part 502](#) and [25 CFR Part 573](#), which were informed by deliberative conversations with Tribes and comments received by the public. The upcoming consultation sessions are a further opportunity for Tribes to provide the Commission with substantive input during the next phases of the regulatory review process.

The Commission invites all Tribal leaders and their designees to share their views with the Commission during the following scheduled consultations:

Consultation Date	Event
January 25, 2012	Regulatory Review Groups 1,2,4 & 5 Seminole Hard Rock Hotel 1 Seminole Way Hollywood, Florida 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
January 30, 2012	Regulatory Review Groups 1,2,4, & 5 Agua Caliente Spa Resort 100 North Indian Drive Palm Springs, CA 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. <i>*Held prior to the Western Indian Gaming Conference & Trade Show at Morongo</i>

February 16, 2012 (<i>new</i>)	Regulatory Review Groups 1,2,4, & 5 Little Creek Casino Resort 91 West State Route 108 Shelton, Washington 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. <i>*Held immediately following the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) winter conference</i>
February 22, 2012 (<i>new</i>)	Regulatory Review Groups 1,2,4, & 5 Isleta Hard Rock Hotel/Casino 11000 Broadway S.E. Albuquerque, New Mexico 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tribal consultations in January and February 2012 will include a discussion of the following regulations:

Group 1:

- (a) Part 559 – Facility License Notifications, Renewals, and Submissions

Group 2:

- (a) Part 573 – Enforcement; and
- (b) Regulations concerning proceedings before the Commission, including: Parts 519 – Service, Part 524 – Appeals, Part 539 – Appeals, and Part 577 – Appeals Before the Commission

Group 4:

- (a) Part 556 – Background Investigations for Primary Management Officials and Key Employees;
- (b) Part 558 – Gaming Licenses for Key Employees and Primary Management Officials;
- (c) Part 537 – Background Investigations for Persons or Entities with a Financial Interest in, or Having Management Responsibility for a Management Contract; and
- (d) Part 502 – Definitions

Group 5:

- (a) Part 518 – Self Regulation of Class II Gaming

For planning purposes and to accommodate all who wish to attend the consultation, please RSVP to Rita Homa, Executive Secretary, at (202) 418-9807 or by e-mail at consultation.rsvp@nigc.gov.

For those Tribal leaders or designees unable to attend these consultations, we invite you to submit written comments by e-mail to reg.review@nigc.gov, or by US Mail to the National Indian Gaming Commission, Attn: Regulatory Review, 1441 L Street, NW, Suite 9100, Washington, DC 20005.

Consistent with its commitment to transparency, the Commission will continue to consult with tribal governments throughout the regulatory review process. All information related to this review process can be found on our website at www.nigc.gov, then click on the Tribal Consultation tab on the left side of the website.

The NIGC is an independent regulatory agency established within the Department of the Interior pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988.

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