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Re: Request for Approval of Amendments to the Skokomish Tribal Gaming Ordinance

Dear Mr. Guest:

This letter responds to your request to the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) to review and approve the amendments to the tribal gaming ordinance of the Skokomish Indian Tribe (Tribe), originally approved April 30, 1996. The amendments to the ordinance were adopted by the Tribe by Resolutions No. 01-63 and 01-64 on May 16, 2001.

This letter constitutes such approval, under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), of the amendments set forth in Resolutions No. 01-63 and 01-64. Such approval does not constitute approval of specific games. It is important to note that the gaming ordinance is approved for gaming only on Indian lands, as defined in the IGRA, over which the Tribe exercises jurisdiction.

Thank you for submitting the amendments to the tribal gaming ordinance of the Skokomish Indian Tribe for review and approval.

Sincerely yours,

Montie R. Deer
Chairman



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SKOKOMISH TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 01-63

MAY 22 2001

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE GAMING CODE OF THE SKOKOMISH INDIAN TRIBE OF WASHINGTON STATE, REVISING THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "IMMEDIATE FAMILY" AND REVISING A QUALIFICATION FOR GAMING COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Skokomish Tribal Council is the governing body of the Skokomish Indian Tribe pursuant to the Constitution of the Skokomish Indian Tribe, approved by the Secretary of the Interior, March 17, 1980; and

WHEREAS, the Skokomish Tribal Council recognizes the need to enhance and strengthen the development of the Tribe's human and natural resources, and encourages development of the Reservation, supporting community values and goals for achieving complete self-determination as a Nation; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 1995, the Skokomish Indian Tribe and the State of Washington executed a Class III Gaming Compact pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub.L.100-497, codified at 25 U.S.C. Section 2701 *et seq.* And 18 U.S.C. Section 1166-1168; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 95-73 dated July 31, 1995, the Skokomish Tribal Council approved the Class III Gaming Compact, and such compact has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior and is in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 1996, the Skokomish Tribal Council enacted the Gaming Code of the Skokomish Indian Tribe of Washington State, approved by the National Indian Gaming Commission on April 30, 1996; and

WHEREAS, § 4.02.030 of the Skokomish Gaming Code defines the term "Immediate Family" to mean: "with respect to the person under consideration, a husband, wife, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, or half sister"; and

WHEREAS, § 4.02.090(c)(4) of the Skokomish Gaming Code disqualifies tribal members from serving as Gaming Commissioners if a "member of his immediate family is employed as an employee in any tribal gaming activity"; and

WHEREAS, the Skokomish Tribal Council finds the current definition of "Immediate Family" to be over inclusive and the disqualification of tribal members to serve as Gaming Commissioners to be unduly restrictive for purposes of effectively regulating and efficiently operating gaming activities on the Skokomish Indian Reservation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Skokomish Tribal Council hereby strikes the former provision in its entirety and amends § 4.02.030 of the Skokomish Gaming Code to read as follows:

"Immediate Family" means, with respect to the person under consideration, a spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, brother, or sister.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Skokomish Tribal Council hereby strikes the former provision in its entirety and amends § 4.02.090(c)(4) of the Skokomish Gaming Code to read as follows:

A member of his immediate family is employed as a Primary Management Official of a gaming facility located on Skokomish Tribal Lands.

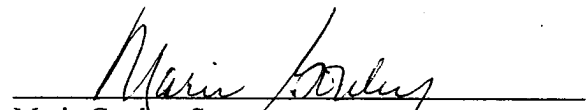
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Skokomish Tribal Council authorizes Elizabeth Griffin Hall, Skokomish Tribal Manager, or her designee, and/or Richard Guest, Skokomish Tribal Attorney, or his designee, to sign any and all letters, reports, amendments or other documents necessary to the enactment and implementation of this amendment.

*****CERTIFICATION*****

I, Denny Hurtado, Chairman of the Skokomish Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 01-63 was adopted at a regular meeting of the Skokomish Tribal Council held on 5/16/01 at which a quorum was present by a vote of 6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINING.

ATTEST:


Denny Hurtado, Chairman
Skokomish Tribal Council


Marie Gouley, Secretary
Skokomish Tribal Council



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SKOKOMISH TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 01-64

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE GAMING CODE OF THE SKOKOMISH INDIAN TRIBE OF WASHINGTON STATE, REVISING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TRIBAL GAMING COMMISSION AND THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Skokomish Tribal Council is the governing body of the Skokomish Indian Tribe pursuant to the Constitution of the Skokomish Indian Tribe, approved by the Secretary of the Interior, March 17, 1980; and

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WHEREAS, on February 28, 1996, the Skokomish Tribal Council enacted the Gaming Code of the Skokomish Indian Tribe of Washington State, approved by the National Indian Gaming Commission on April 30, 1996; and

WHEREAS, § 4.02.090(a) of the Skokomish Gaming Code establishes the Tribal Gaming Commission to be comprised of "seven Tribal Gaming Commissioners consisting of the seven elected members of the Tribal Council or their designees appointed by the Tribal Council"; and

WHEREAS, § 4.02.091 of the Skokomish Gaming Code sets the term of each Tribal Gaming Commissioner "to coincide with the term of Tribal Council members"; and

WHEREAS, the Skokomish Tribal Council finds that it is in the best interest of the Skokomish Indian Tribe to have direct participation by tribal community members as part of the Tribal Gaming Commission and that their terms of office be independent from the Tribal Council terms of office.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Skokomish Tribal Council hereby strikes the former provision in its entirety and amends § 4.02.090(a) of the Skokomish Gaming Code to read as follows:

Number of Commissioners

The Tribal Commission shall be comprised of seven Tribal Gaming Commissioners consisting of four members of the Tribal Council and three members of the Skokomish tribal community appointed by the Tribal Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Skokomish Tribal Council hereby strikes the former provision in its entirety and amends § 4.02.091 of the Skokomish Gaming Code to read as follows:

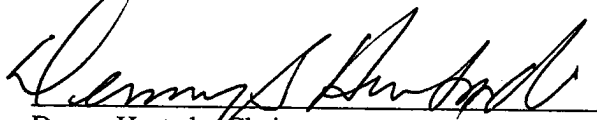
- (a) Each Commissioner who is a member of the Tribal Council shall serve a term which coincides with their term of office on the Tribal Council. No member shall remain on the Tribal Commission after leaving or being removed from the Tribal Council.
- (b) Each Commissioner who is a member of the Skokomish tribal community and is appointed by the Tribal Council shall serve a four year term, provided the first rotation shall have one appointed Commissioner with a two year term, one appointed Commissioner with a three year term and one appointed Commissioner with a four year term.
- (c) No member of the Tribal Commission shall serve more than five terms.

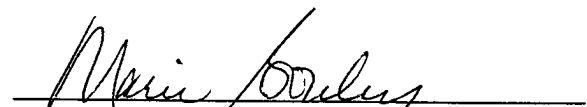
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I, Denny Hurtado, Chairman of the Skokomish Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 01-64 was adopted at a regular meeting of the Skokomish Tribal Council held on 5/16/01 at which a quorum was present by a vote of 6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINING.

ATTEST:


Denny Hurtado, Chairman
Skokomish Tribal Council


Marie Gouley, Secretary
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