



## **NIGC Announces New Region Director**

Washington, DC July 7, 2008 — National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) Chair, Philip N. Hogen recently announced the selection of Mark D. Phillips to serve as Director of the Region Field Office in Portland, Oregon. Today, Phillips begins his new duties as director after serving as a senior field investigator in the Portland office since 2005.

Phillips, a lifelong resident of Oregon, enjoyed an extensive career in law enforcement before coming to the NIGC. He worked from 1979 until 1983 with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office then was offered a position with the Patrol Division of the Oregon State Police (OSP) as a Traffic Enforcement Trooper until 1987. In 1987 he was selected as a Latent Print Examiner in the Forensic Services Division of the State Police in Salem, Oregon where he worked for nine years. In 1996 he began working with the OSP Tribal Gaming Section where he conducted corporate suitability investigations. He retired from law enforcement in 2005 after being involved in the formation of the Joint Tobacco Tax Compliance Tax Force, an interagency team consisting of members from the Oregon Department of Justice, Oregon Department of Revenue and Oregon State Police.

Chairman Hogen said, "We look forward to working with Mark in this new capacity. He has a very strong background that includes working on complex investigations, offering training for tribal gaming commissions, and developing strong working relationships with tribes, as well as with other colleagues throughout the Commission."

Phillips is married with two teenage children and is an avid sailor and motorcyclist.

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