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NIGC Announces Additional Tribal Consultations for March 2012

Washington, DC February 27, 2012 — The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC/Commission) announced today that it has scheduled an additional two consultations in March 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
March 22, 2012	Regulatory Review Groups 1,2,3, & 5 Prairie Band Casino and Resort 12305 150 th Road Mayetta, Kansas 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Council Bluff Chicago Room
March 27, 2012	Regulatory Review Groups 1,2,3,& 5 Soaring Eagle Casino and Hotel 6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd. Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Ojibway Room

Tribal consultations in March 2012 will include a discussion of the following regulations:

Group 1 will include a review of:

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

Group 2 will include a review of:

- (a) Regulations concerning proceedings before the Commission, including: *Part 519* – Service, *Part 524* – Appeals, *Part 539* – Appeals, and *Part 577* – Appeals Before the Commission.

Group 3 will include a review of:

- (a) *Part 543* – Minimum Internal Control Standards for Class II Gaming; and
- (b) *Part 547* – Minimum Technical Standards for Gaming Equipment Used with the play of Class II Games.

Group 5 will include a review of:

- (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 req.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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