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Ms. Marilou Rickert Tribal Attorney Skokomish Indian Tribe N. 80 Tribal Center Rd. Shelton WA 98584

Re: Resolution No. 04-96, ordinance approval

Dear Ms. Rickert:

This is in reply to your August 6, 2004, letter seeking review and approval of the Skokomish Indian Tribe's gaming code, as amended by Resolution No. 04-96. The amendment, hereby approved, changes the eligibility requirements for a seat on the Tribal Gaming Commission. As always, it is important to state that the amended gaming code is approved only for gaming on Indian lands, as defined by IGRA, over which the Tribe has jurisdiction.

Thank you for your submission. If you have questions or require further assistance, please contact Michael Gross, Staff Attorney, at 202-632-7003.

Sincerely,

Nhilip N. Hogen Chairman

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SKOKOMISH TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 04-96

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A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE GAMING CODE OF THE SKOKOMISH INDIAN TRIBE OF WASHINGTON STATE

- WHEREAS, the Skokomish Indian Tribe is a federally recognized Indian tribe organized under its Constitution and by-laws first adopted on April 2, 1938 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior May 3, 1938, amended January 15, 1980 as approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 17, 1980; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 and Article V, Sections 1(e), (f), (j), (m), (q) and (t) of the Constitution, the Skokomish Tribal Council is the governing body of the Skokomish Indian Tribe and has the authority to license and regulate the conduct of business activities within the tribe's jurisdiction; establish business enterprises as branches or agencies of the Skokomish tribal government; enact laws and ordinances; consult, negotiate, and contract with agencies and officers of Federal, state, local, and tribal governments; provide services for the health, education, and welfare of all persons within the tribe's jurisdiction; and delegate this authority; and
- WHEREAS, on February 28, 1996, the Skokomish Tribal Council enacted the Gaming Code of the Skokomish Indian Tribe of Washington State (S.T.C. 4.02), approved by the National Indian Gaming Commission on April 30, 1996, and amended by Resolutions 00-51, dated May 18, 2000; 01-63, dated May 16, 2001; 01-64, dated May 16, 2001; 01-132, dated October 18, 2001; and 02-153, dated December 11, 2002, which amendments have also been approved by the National Indian Gaming Commission; and
- WHEREAS, sections 4.02.090(b) sets forth the requirements for membership on the Tribal Gaming Commission; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has found that it is in the best interest of the Tribe that members of the Tribal Council not be barred from serving on the Tribal Gaming Commission;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, section 4.02.090(b) of the Skokomish Gaming Code shall be amended as follows:

From: "Each Commissioner must be a member of the Skokomish Indian Tribe and shall not be a member of the Skokomish Tribal Council."

The majority of the Commissioners FM To: "Each Commissioner must be a member of the Skokomish Indian Tribe."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Skokomish Tribal Council authorizes Marilou Rickert Skokomish Tribal Attorney, or her designee, to sign any and all letters, reports, amendments or other documents necessary to the enactment and implementation of this amendment.

<u>CERTIFICATION</u>

I, Gordon James, Chairman of the Skokomish Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 04- $\underline{96}$ was adopted at a regular meeting of the Skokomish Tribal Council held on $\underline{1/28}$, 2004, at which a quorum was present by a vote of $\underline{16}$ FOR $\underline{16}$ AGAINST $\underline{0}$ ABSTAINING.

ATTEST:

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Gordon James, Chairman Skokomish Tribal Council

Fred Miller, Secretary Skokomish Tribal Council