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Chairman Shawn E. Yanity Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians P.O. Box 277 Arlington, WA 98223

RE: Amendment to Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians Gaming Act of 2000

Dear Chairman Yanity:

This letter is in response to your request for the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) to review and approve an amendment to the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians (Tribe) Gaming Act of 2000, submitted on December 17, 2007. The amendment to the ordinance was adopted by the Tribe by Resolution No. 2207/153 on November 20, 2007. This letter constitutes approval of your submission under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). It is important to note that the amendment to the Gaming Act of 2000 is approved for gaming only on Indian lands, as defined in the IGRA, over which the Tribe has jurisdiction.

Thank you for submitting the amendment for review and approval. The NIGC staff looks forward to working with you and the Tribe on future gaming issues.

Sincerel ilip N. Hogen Chairman

Cc: Jhan R. Smith, Director, Stillaguamish Gaming Commission

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# STILLAGUAMISH TRIBE OF INDIANS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **RESOLUTION 2007/153**

# AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE STILLAGUAMISH TRIBE OF INDIANS STILLAGUAMISH GAMING ACT OF 2000

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#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Stillaguarish Tribe of Indians (the "Tribe") is a party to the Point Elliot Treaty of January 22, 1855, and has been federally-recognized since October 1976; and

WHEREAS, the Stillaguamish Tribal Board of Directors (the "<u>Board of Directors</u>") is the duly constituted Governing Body of the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, in accordance with Articles IV and V of the Stillaguamish Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors acting in the best interest of its people is embarked on a course of self determination; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that it is in the best interest of the Tribe to amend the Stillaguamish Gaming Act of 2000 (the "<u>Gaming Ordinance</u>") by approving an amendment and restatement of Section 4.1 of the Gaming Ordinance to delineate the role and responsibilities of each of the Gaming Commission, the Gaming Commissioners and the Tribal Gaming Agency; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBE, acting pursuant to an affirmative vote of its Board of Directors, at a special meeting thereof, as certified by the signatures of the Chairman and the Secretary of the Tribe, that:

SECTION 1 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT. Section 4.1 of the Gaming Ordinance is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

4.1 Establishment of Gaming Commission. There is hereby established by the Tribe a Gaming Commission, acting under the authority of the Tribe yet functioning independently of the Tribe, to be known as the Stillaguamish Gaming Commission. The Gaming Commission shall be governed by the Gaming

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Commissioners, who shall be three (3) members of the Tribe, all of whom shall be appointed by the Tribal Board of Directors. The Gaming Commissioners must meet the qualifications established under this Gaming Act, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and any Gaming Compact adopted by the Tribe. The Gaming Commissioners shall appoint a Director of the Tribal Gaming Agency who shall have day-to-day responsibility for the oversight and administration of the Gaming Commission and the Tribal Gaming Agency. The Gaming Commissioners may authorize and delegate to the Director such duties, responsibilities and matters related to the Gaming Commission and the Tribal Gaming Agency as the Commission shall deem necessary and appropriate consistent with the powers and duties set forth herein.

**SECTION 2 Ratification.** All acts and deeds previously taken by (i) any Gaming Commissioner or (ii) any authorized officer or authorized representative of the Gaming Commission or Tribal Gaming Agency, for and on behalf of the Tribe in carrying out the terms, purposes and intentions of this Resolution and the Gaming Ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 3 Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective after it has been submitted to the National Indian Gaming Commission for approval.

# CERTIFICATION

As Ghair and Secretary of the Stillaguamish Tribal Board of Directors, we hereby certify that the above ordinance was duly adopted at a meeting of the Stillaguamish Tribal Board of Directors on the day of November, 2007 at which time a quorum was present and a vote of held opposed and abstain was cast. for, Shawn E. Drege anity, Chairman ecretary Resolution No. 2007/153 Page 2 of 2

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