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NIGC Announces Regulatory Review Tribal Consultations

Washington, DC May 3, 2012 — The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC/Commission) announced today that it has scheduled five consultations in 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 posted several discussion draft rules on the NIGC website including, most recently, <u>25 CFR Part 543</u> and <u>25 CFR Part 547</u>, which were formed 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 |
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| June 7, 2012 | Regulatory Review Group 3 |
| | Radisson Hotel & Conference Center |
| | 2040 Airport Road |
| | Green Bay, WI |
| | 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. |
| | *Held immediately following the Class II |
| | Summit |
| June 11, 2012 | Regulatory Review Group 3 |
| | Riverwind Casino |
| | 1544 W. State Hwy 9 |
| | Norman, OK |
| | 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. |
| | *Held immediately prior to the OK |
| | Sovereignty Symposium |

| June 27, 2012 | Regulatory Review Group 3 Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino 5040 Wild Horse Pass Blvd. Chandler, AZ 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. |
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| July 11, 2012 | Regulatory Review Group 3 Cache Creek Casino Resort 14455 Highway 16 Brooks, CA 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. |
| July 19, 2012 | Regulatory Review Group 3 Little Creek Casino Resort 91 West State Route 108 Shelton, Washington 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. *Held immediately following the Northwest Indian Gaming Conference & Expo |

Tribal consultations will include a discussion of the following regulations:

Group 3:

- (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.

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 <u>consultation.rsvp@nigc.gov</u>.

For those tribal leaders or designees unable to attend these consultations, we invite you to submit written comments by e-mail to <u>reg.review@nigc.gov</u>, or by U.S. 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 <u>www.nigc.gov</u>. 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.