



January 13, 2012

Re: Notice of Regulatory Review Consultation

Dear Tribal Leader:

On behalf of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC or Commission), we invite you to participate in a consultation meeting during February 2012 on the Notice of Regulatory Review for Regulatory Groups One, Two, Four and Five. We greatly appreciate the tribal participation during the 2011 consultations. Those consultations helped inform our review. As we move forward, we anticipate that consultations in 2012 will focus on discussion drafts and proposed rules published in the Federal Register. We know that the best results can be achieved after meaningful consultation with Indian tribes and we look forward to your participation.

Accordingly, we invite all Tribal leaders to share their views with the Commission at the consultations scheduled at the following location:

February 16, 2012
Little Creek Casino Resort & Casino
Ballroom A
Shelton, Washington
1:00 – 5:00 pm

For planning purposes, and to accommodate all who want to attend the consultation, please RSVP to Rita Homa, Executive Secretary, at (202) 418-9807 or by e-mail at consultation.rsvp@nigc.gov. Information regarding the time and location of each tribal consultation will be posted on our website.

For those Tribal leaders unable to attend these consultations, we invite you to submit written comments by e-mail to reg.review@nigc.gov, or by U.S. mail to National Indian Gaming Commission, Attn: Regulatory Review, 1441 L Street, NW, Suite 9100, Washington, DC 20005. The Commission intends to post comments received and transcripts of each consultation on the NIGC website under the heading "Tribal Consultation," on the left-hand side of the NIGC home page, www.nigc.gov.

The Tribal consultation in February will include a discussion of the following regulations:

Group 1 will include a discussion of:

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

Group 2 will include a discussion of:

- (a) Part 573 – Enforcement; and
- (b) Regulations concerning proceedings before the Commission, including: Parts 519 – Service, Part 524 – Appeals, Part 539 – Appeals, and Part 577 – Appeals Before the Commission.

Group 4 will include a discussion of:

- (a) Part 556 – Background Investigations for Primary Management Officials and Key Employees;
- (b) Part 558 – Gaming Licenses for Key Employees and Primary Management Officials;
- (c) Part 537 – Background Investigations for Persons or Entities with a Financial Interest in, or Having Management Responsibility for a Management Contract; and
- (d) Part 502 – Definitions

Group 5 will include a discussion of:

- (a) Part 518 – Self Regulation of Class II Gaming.

We are committed to working together on a government-to-government basis to maximize the results of this regulatory review process. We look forward to meeting with you at these consultations should your schedule allow or at future consultations in 2012.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this regulatory review process.

Sincerely,



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Chairwoman



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