

The Colville Indian Tribe Opens New Casino July 2015

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The Colville Indian Tribe held a Grand Opening for their *12 Tribes Resort Casino* last weekend.



Pictured from left to right: Mel Tonasket, Colville Tribal Gaming Commission (CTGC) Chairman and Colville Business Council; Jill Nanpuya-Moomaw, CTGC Commissioner; Patty Adolph, CTGC Interim Director; David Trujillo, Washington State Gambling Commission Director.

Patty Adolph, Interim Director of the Colville Tribal Gaming Commission shared many success stories of the Colville people with David Trujillo, Director of the Washington State Gambling Commission (WSGC). Ms. Adolph said “the Colville Tribal Gaming Commission works with the Washington State Gambling Commission and upholds all gaming laws.”

Some Interesting Tribal Facts

There are a total of 28 Class III Tribal casinos in Washington State:

- The Colville Tribe operates three casinos
- 4 Tribes operate two casinos each
- 17 Tribes operate one casino each

The Washington State Gambling Commission (**WSGC**) jointly regulates Tribal gaming activities by working with Tribes to provide on-site enforcement and regulation.

Community and Charitable Contributions:

Washington State Tribes contribute about \$23.1 million from Class III gaming revenues to help their local communities.

- About \$18.4 million was contributed to governmental agencies, fire and emergency services, law enforcement, and charities in 2012.
- Over \$2.2 million was contributed to smoking cessation programs in 2013.
- Over \$2.5 million was contributed to problem gambling programs in 2013.

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) was passed by Congress in 1988.

IGRA requires states to negotiate Gaming Compacts in good faith to allow Tribes to offer casino style gaming if it is allowed in the state. Under state law, the WSGC Director is delegated the responsibility to negotiate Gaming Compacts. All 29 federally recognized Tribes in Washington have a Gaming Compact.