

**Washington State  
Gambling Commission**

**Skokomish Indian Tribe  
Compact Amendment Public Hearing**

**Washington State House of Representatives  
Commerce & Gaming Committee**

**John L. O'Brien Building, Hearing Room C  
Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 1:30pm**

*Presented by*

*Director David Trujillo & Skokomish Tribal Councilman Tom Strong*



# Our Commissioners



Chris Stearns  
Chair



Bud Sizemore  
Vice-Chair



Kelsey Gray



Julia Patterson



Ed Troyer



# Ex Officio Members – Our Link to the Legislature



Senator  
Steve Conway  
29<sup>th</sup> District



Senator  
Mike Hewitt  
16<sup>th</sup> District



Representative  
Chris Hurst  
31<sup>st</sup> District



Representative  
Brandon Vick  
18<sup>th</sup> District



# Indian Gaming Regulatory Act

Congress passed “IGRA”  
in 1988 to:

- Provide a regulatory framework for Indian gaming.
- Promote economic development, self sufficiency, and strong Tribal governments.





# IGRA

The State must negotiate in good faith when a Compact or amendment is requested by a Tribe.

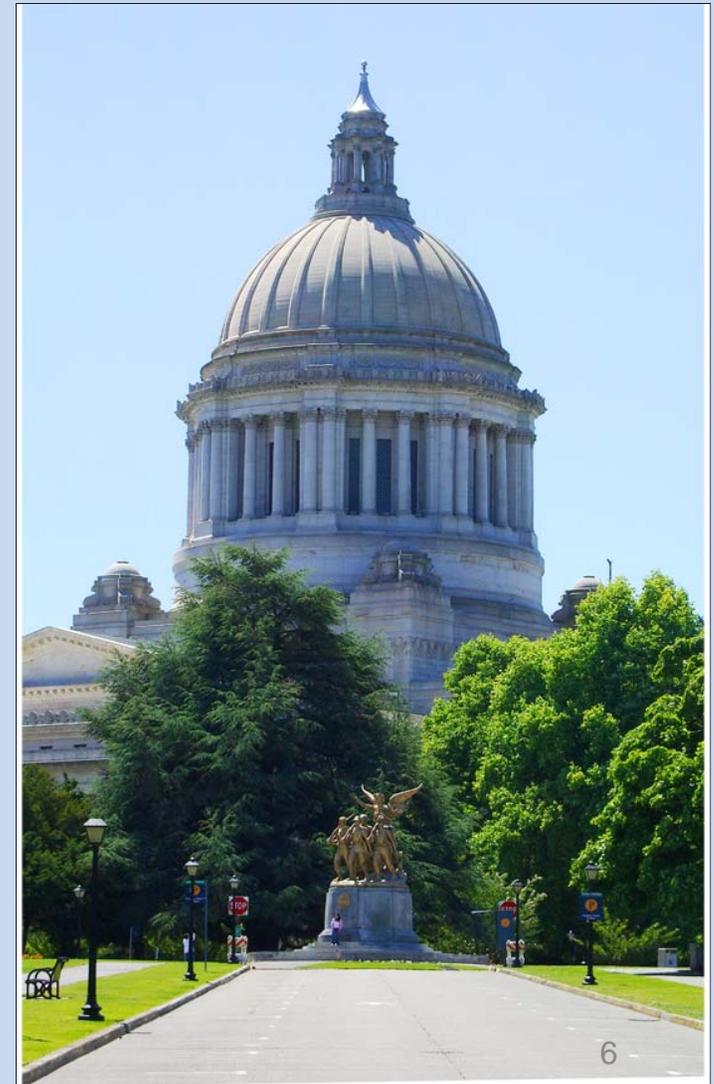
Negotiated topics may include:

- Casino style gaming activities that are allowed for any person, for any purpose.
- Criminal and civil jurisdiction.
- Fees for state regulation.
- Remedies for breach of contract.
- Standards of operation.



# Washington State Tribal Gaming Compact Approval Process (RCW 9.46.360)

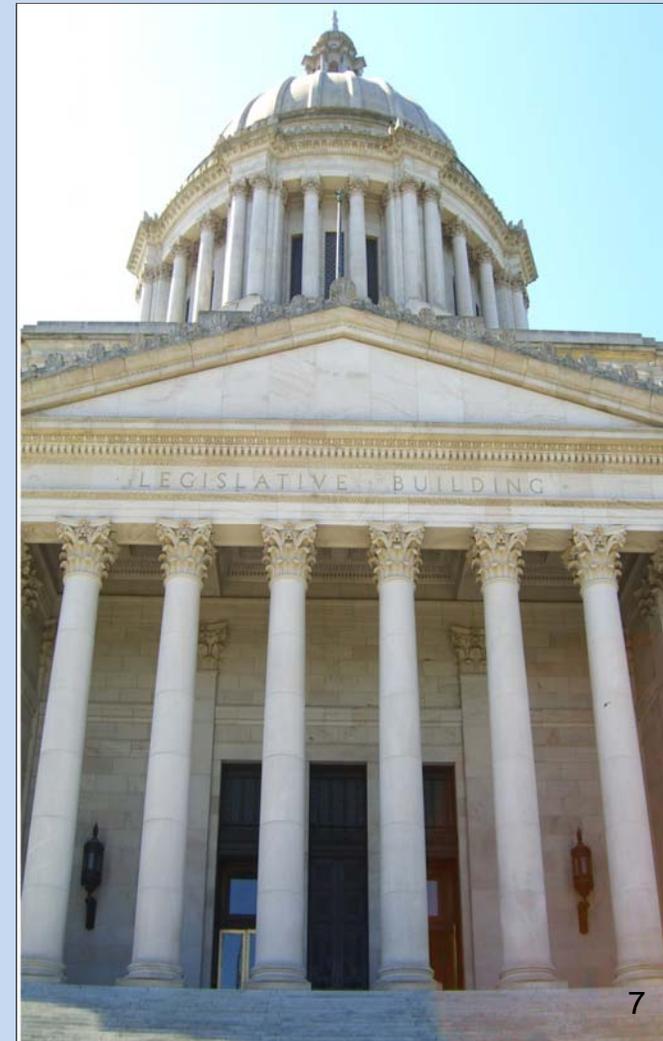
- Compact negotiation request sent by Tribe to Governor
- Governor requests Commission Director to negotiate
- Compact negotiated by Commission Director
- Compact submitted to Commission and Legislature
- Legislature has 30 days to review and comment (45 days while in session)





# Washington State Tribal Gaming Compact Approval Process (9.46.360)

- Commission has 45 days (60 days during Legislative session) to:
  - Hold public hearings
  - Vote to forward to Governor or return to Director for further negotiations
- Governor reviews and has final execution authority
- Tribe forwards to Secretary of Interior





# State's Public Protection Interests

## Respect-Based Regulatory Partnership

- No criminal involvement
- Gaming conducted fairly and honestly
- Gaming limited to authorized activities
- Minimize negative community impacts on local law enforcement and emergency services





Skokomish Tribal Center

Lucky Dog Casino

# Skokomish Indian Tribe





# Lucky Dog Casino





# Skokomish Indian Tribe

- Original Compact was signed in 1995 and amended three times since then.
- Requested amendment language is similar to other Tribes' gaming compacts and:
  - Increases number of Class III gaming facilities from one (1) to two (2).
  - Includes the definition of Indian Lands from the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to allow a gaming facility on qualifying land that is not within the reservation boundaries.
  - Adds the Skokomish Indian Tribal Enterprise, Incorporated (SITE) to allow the Class III gaming facility to be owned by the Tribe or the Tribe's enterprise corporation.
  - Adds the definition of Gaming or Gaming Activity from the Tribe's Gaming Ordinance.
  - Adds annual reporting of how problem gambling funds from Appendix X2, Section 14.4 were used.



# Next Steps

Today:

- Hold required public hearing
- Answer questions

At the March 11, 2016, public Commission meeting:

- Commissioners and Legislative Ex-Officios will vote to:
  - Forward it to the Governor for review and final execution or
  - Return the proposed amendment to the Director with instructions for further negotiation.

# Washington State Gambling Commission

Our Mission:

*“Protect the Public by Ensuring that  
Gambling is Legal and Honest”*

