

Washington State Gambling Commission

Skokomish Indian Tribe Compact Amendment Public Hearing

**Great Wolf Lodge
Grand Mound, WA**

Friday, March 11, 2016

Presented by

Director David Trujillo & Skokomish Tribal Councilman Tom Strong



Our Commissioners



Chris Stearns
Chair



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Steve Conway
29th District



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16th District



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Chris Hurst
31st District



Representative
Brandon Vick
18th 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.

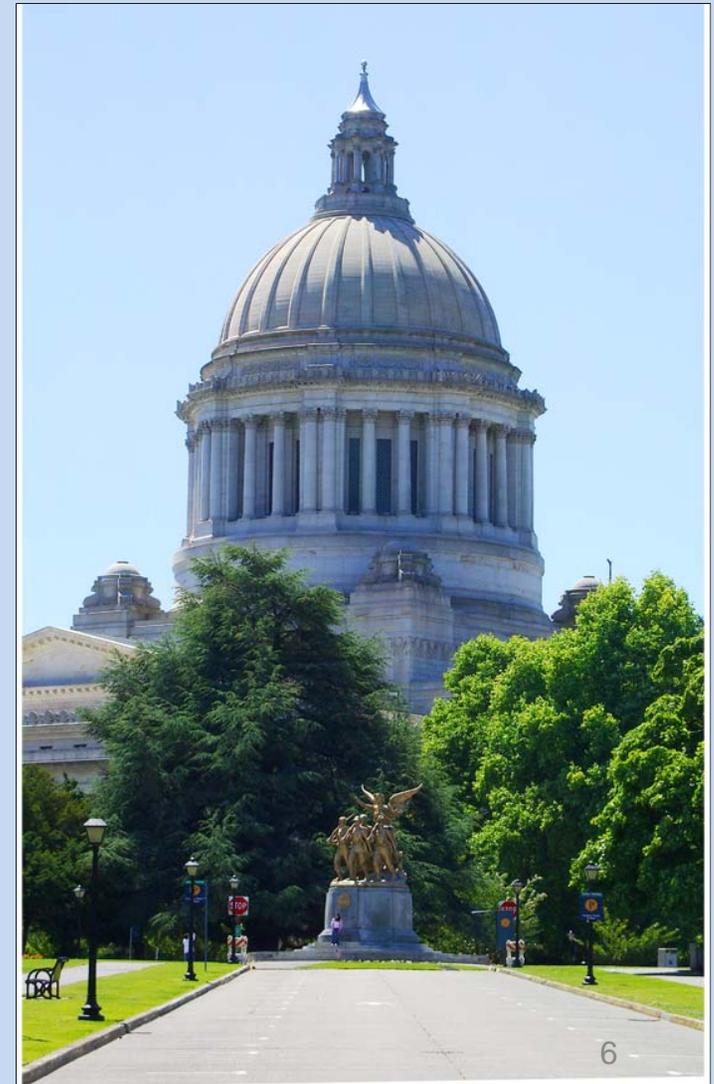
Negotiated topics may include:

- 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

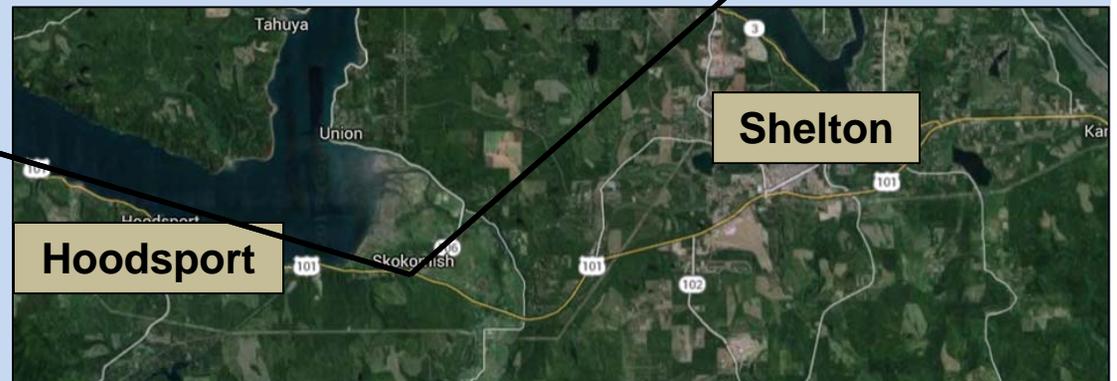




Lucky Dog Casino

Skokomish Tribal Center

Skokomish Indian Tribe



Hoodsport

Shelton



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.

Questions?

Gambling Commission Mission:



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

Staff Recommendation

**Forward the
Proposed Compact Amendment
to the Governor for
Review and Final Execution**



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