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Proposed Compact Amendments for
Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
Kalispel Tribe of Indians

Joint Legislative Hearing
November 1, 2023

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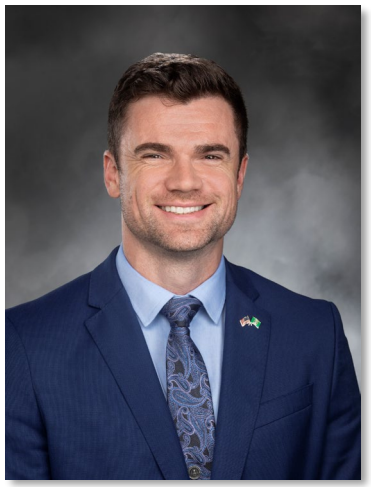
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"Class III gaming activities shall be lawful on Indian lands only if such activities are located in a State that permits such gaming and are conducted in conformance with a ***tribal-state compact…"***

1988: Indian Gaming Regulatory Act

Negotiation Topics

CASINO-STYLE GAMING ACTIVITIES

CRIMINAL AND CIVIL JURISDICTION

FEES FOR STATE REGULATION

REMEDIES FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT

STANDARDS OF OPERATION



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"The purpose of this chapter is… to protect such gaming as a means of generating tribal revenue."

"The State must negotiate in good faith when a compact or amendment is requested by a tribe."

"Protect the public by ensuring that gambling is **legal** and **honest**"

Our Mission

Public Protection Interests

NO CRIMINAL INVOLVEMENT

GAMING CONDUCTED FAIRLY, HONESTLY

GAMING LIMITED TO AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES

MINIMIZE NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, EMERGENCY SERVICES



Gaming Compact Approval Process

Compact negotiated by WSGC director

Direction from state policy makers

Compact submitted to Commission, Legislature

Legislature has 30 days to review and comment

Commission has 45 days to:

1) Hold public hearing;

2) Forward amendment to Governor; or

3) Return to director for further negotiation

Governor reviews and has final execution authority

Tribe forwards to Secretary of Interior

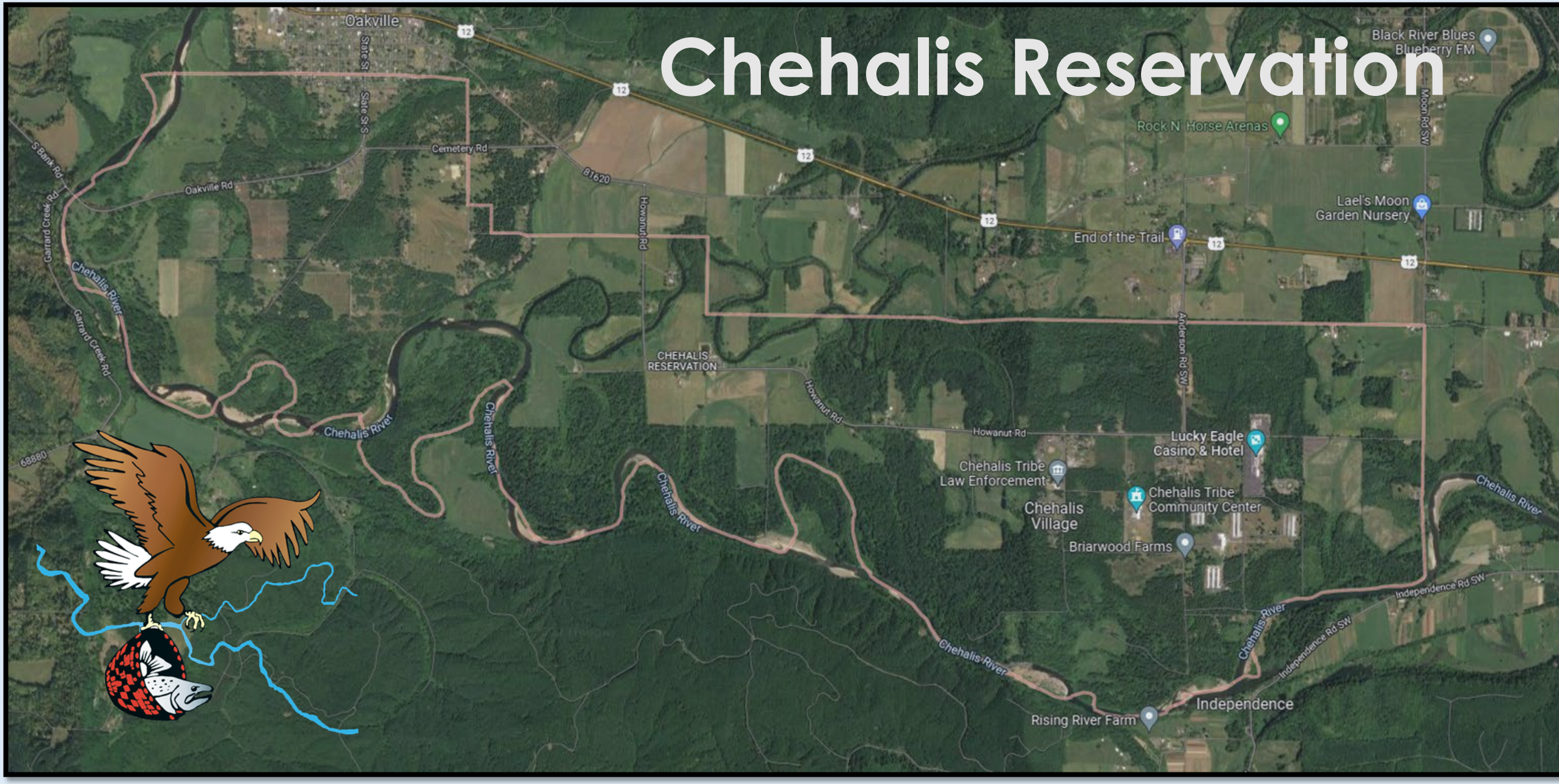
Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation

The Honorable Dustin Klatush, Chairman

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Chehalis Reservation



THE CHEHALIS TRIBE





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Establishes a new framework for offering electronic table games:

Does not allow "play against the machine"

Played consistent with traditional table game

Nine (9) ETG stations = 1 traditional table

Wager limits = $500

Played with an electronic wagering system

Joint TGA & SGA field testing

Problem & Responsible Gaming funding

KALISPEL TRIBE OF INDIANS

CURT HOLMES, VICE CHAIRMAN





KALISPEL
TRIBE OF INDIANS

- The Kalispel Tribe was federally recognized in a 1914 Executive Order signed by President Woodrow Wilson. The Executive Order also established a 4,600-acre reservation, located adjacent to the Pend Oreille River in Northeastern Washington. The land is mostly floodplain and steep, rocky foothills.

- The ancestral lands of the Kalispel people were once over four million acres and included Western Montana, Northern Idaho, Eastern Washington, and British Columbia.

- Currently there are 486 enrolled members. 34% of the membership is under the age of 18. Tribal elders (age 55+) are the smallest demographic.



KALISPEL TRIBE OF INDIANS

- Gaming revenues are used to fund essential government services.

- Revenue from the Tribe's two casinos has raised the standard of living for all members. Significant investments have been made to increase accessibility to education, healthcare, housing, employment, and language revitalization.

- The Tribe achieved their goal of providing a holistic approach to health and well being when they opened the Camas Center for Community Wellness in 2008. The 77,000 sq ft facility includes a medical and dental clinic, an aquatic center, a gymnasium, and a state-of-the-art fitness facility, a teen recreation room, computer lab, and childcare for children ages 6 weeks to 6 years.



KALISPEL TRIBE OF INDIANS

- Camas Path is responsible for the Tribe's education, health care, and well-being programs.

- Mental and behavioral health are essential components of the holistic approach to wellness.

- Access to mental and behavioral health services extends beyond Tribal members and is available to employees and members of the non-Native community.

- In addition to their own healthcare facilities the Tribe also contributes to outside health and wellness organizations (YMCA, Evergreen Problem Gambling).

Summary of Compact Changes

- Updates wager limits
- Adds problem gambling funding
- Updates funding for charitable contributions
- Allows for extension of credit to qualified customers

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Next Steps

TODAY

Hold required hearings

Answer questions

COMMISSION MEETING

VOTE:

Forward to governor for review & final execution

OR

Return to WSGC director for further negotiation

Public Comment Opportunities

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