Washington State Gambling Commission

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March 18, 2024

The Honorable Senator Derek Stanford, Chair
Senate Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade Committee
P.O. Box 40401
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Senator Stanford:

I am sending this correspondence to advise you that we have reached a tentative agreement with the Cowlitz Indian Tribe to amend their Class III Gaming Compact. Per RCW 9.46.360, when a tentative agreement with a Tribe is reached, the Gambling Commission shall transmit a copy of the proposed compact to all voting members of the Commission and to the designated committees.

RCW 9.46.360 also requires the designated committee of the House of Representatives and the Senate, within 30 days of receipt, to hold a hearing and forward any comments to the Gambling Commission. The Gambling Commission, including ex officio members, then vote, after giving the public an opportunity to comment, to determine whether to forward the proposed compact to Governor Inslee for review and execution or return it to me with instructions for further negotiation.

The Gambling Commission plans to hold its public hearing concerning the proposed Class III Gaming Compact Amendment on April 25,2024, in-person and virtually via Microsoft Teams. The exact time will be available on our website (www.wsgc.wa.gov).

I have enclosed a copy of the proposed Class III Gaming Compact amendment. For additional information, please call me at (360) 486-3546, or the Commission's Assistant Attorney General, Kristin Lamson at (360) 586-1752.

Sincerely,

Tina Griffin
Director

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Amendment

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The Honorable Jay Inslee, Governor of Washington
The Honorable Patty Kinswa-Gaiser, Chair, Cowlitz Indian Tribe
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Alicia Levy, Chair, Washington State Gambling Commission

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