WASHINGTON STATE
GAMBLING
COMMISSION

Nooksack Indian Tribe

Washington State Gambling Commission
Hearing - Proposed Compact Amendments

February 6, 2025

The Honorable RoseMary LaClair, Chair, Nooksack Indian Tribe

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17th District

“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."

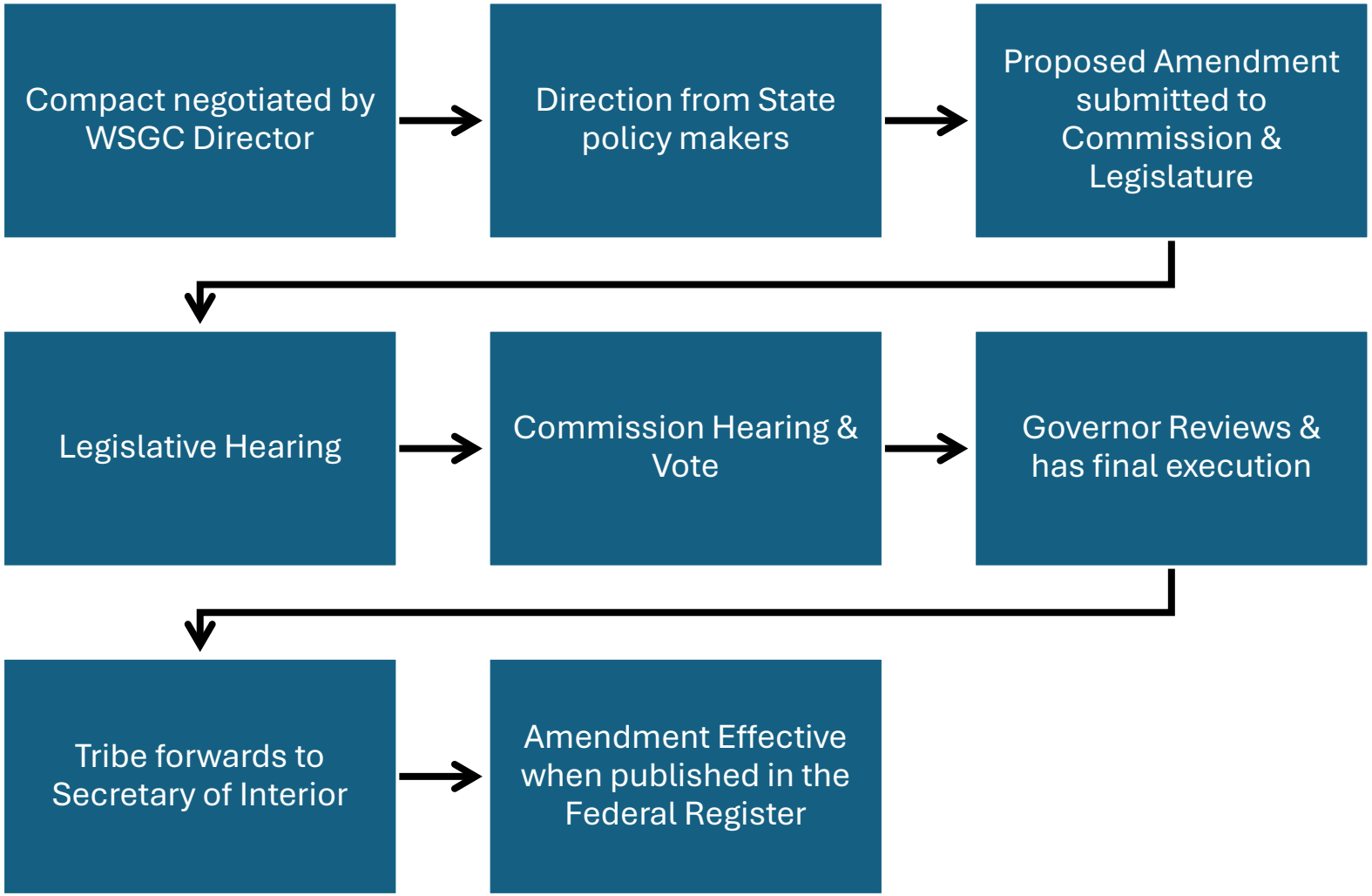
"The State must
negotiate in good faith
when a compact or amendment is requested by a tribe."

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 Amendment Approval Process



Nooksack Indian Tribe



Nooksack Tribal Council



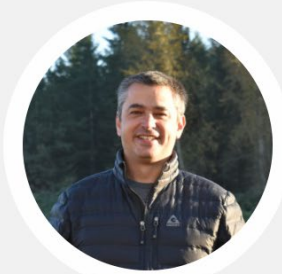
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Vice-Chairwoman



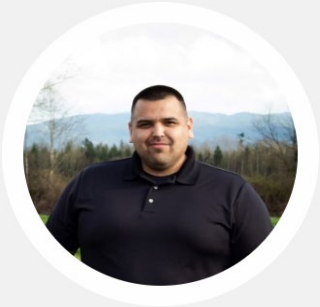
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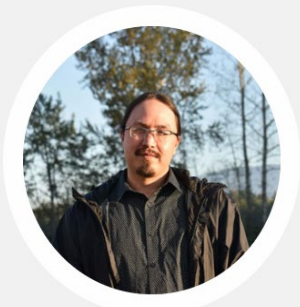


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Chefs

Summary of Compact Changes

- Electronic Table Game Appendix
- Sports Wagering Appendix
- Age Limitation= eighteen (18) years
- Amendments, Duration, and Effective Date
- Other changes to carry above amendments into effect

Next Steps

Today

- Hold required hearing
- Answer questions

Commission Meeting

March 13, 2025

- Vote to forward to Governor
- Vote to return for further negotiations

Public comments In-person or at
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