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# Squaxin Island Tribe

Senate Business, Financial Services & Trade Committee

Hearing on Proposed Compact Amendment

January 21, 2026

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## Director

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**Kevin Waters**
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# 1988: Indian Gaming Regulatory Act

*"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..."*

# Negotiation Topics

- Casino-style gaming activities
- Criminal and civil jurisdiction
- Fees for state regulation
- Remedies for breach of contract
- Standards of operation



# 1988: Indian Gaming Regulatory Act

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

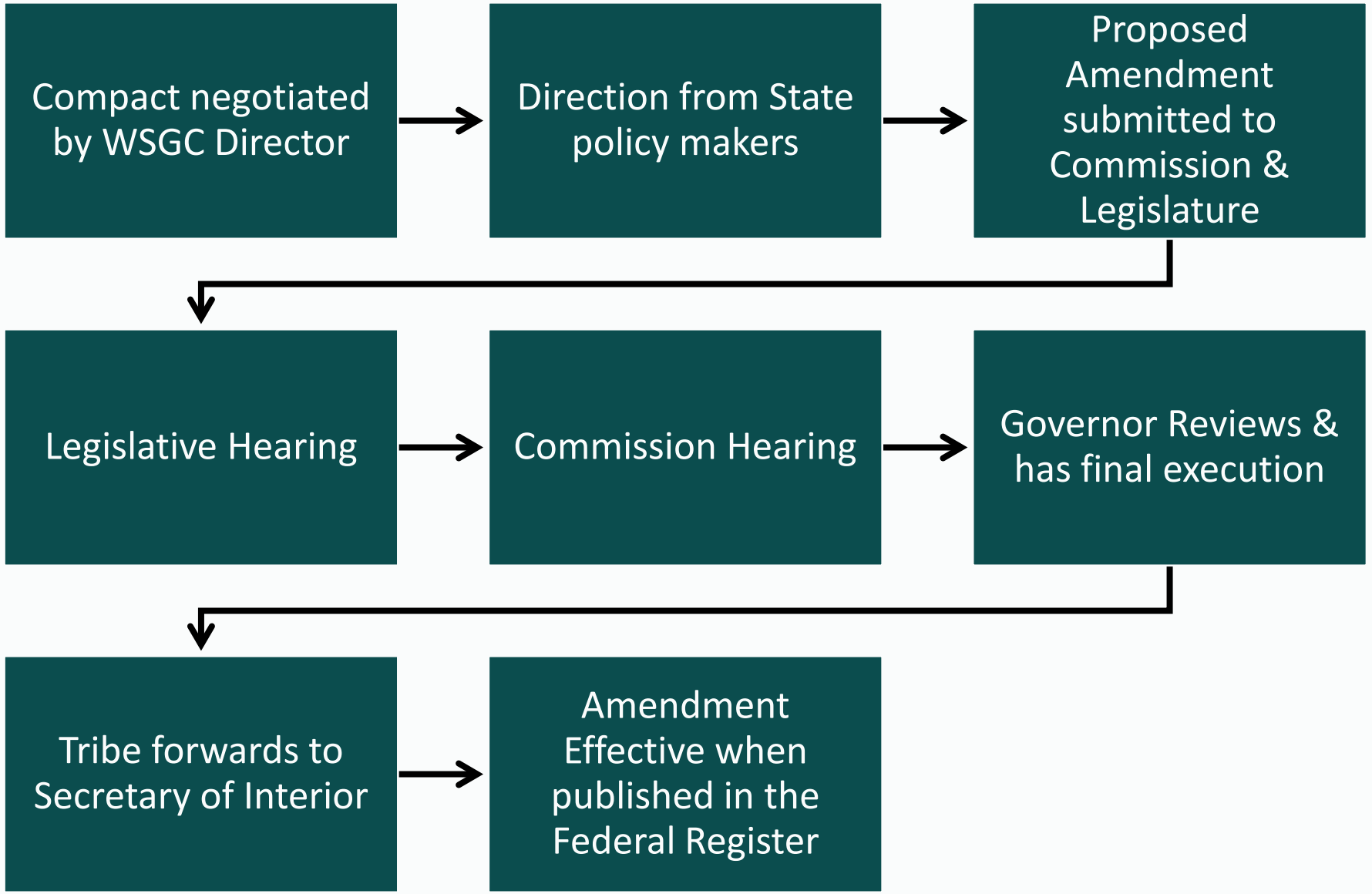
*“The State must*
*negotiate in good faith*
*when a compact or amendment is requested by a tribe.”*

# 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



# Squaxin Island Tribe

People of the Water



Presenter:

Ray Peters

Intergovernmental Liaison

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# Jonnie Bray

## Tribal Relations Advisor

# Summary of Compact Changes
## (Consistent with other Compacts)

- Restatement of Compact
- Appendices A, B, S, W, X2, Y are Amended and Restated
- Appendices C, X, X2 Addendum are removed
- Appendices E-Limitations & G-Electronic Table Games added (new)
- Updated problem gambling/responsible gaming policies
- Removal of Contributions

# Summary of Compact Changes
## (Appendix E-Limitations)

- Higher wager limits: $1,000 table games and $5,000 table game wagers for prescreened customers in high-limit rooms or flex high-limit rooms
- Facility Limitations: Can operate up to 125 gaming stations and 3,000 player terminals between their facilities
- Facility Limitations: More than 60 gaming stations will require allocations from another tribe
- Wagering Limits: $30 TLS wagers
- Extension of Credit: Qualified patrons, 90 days, secure-limited process

# Summary of Compact Changes (Cont.)

## Appendix G (Electronic Table Games)

Aligns with Stillaguamish and other tribes' recent ETG appendices adoption

ETG is an electronic version of Class III table games

Wager limit is $500

9:1 ETG terminal to one gaming station

Commitment to problem & responsible gambling

# Next Steps

**Today**

- Hold required hearing
- Answer questions

**Commission Meeting**
**February 12, 2026**

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

Public comments in-person or at
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