
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved Amendment IV to the Tribal-State Compact for Regulation of Class III Gaming Between the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon and the State of Oregon, which was executed on March 22, 1998.

DATES: This action is effective May 19, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Pierskalla, Acting Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: May 9, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Honorable Pat Duncan
Chairman
Confederated Tribes of the Siletz
Indians of Oregon
P.O. Box 549
Siletz, Oregon 97380

Dear Chairman Duncan:

On March 26, 1998, we received Amendment IV to the Tribal-State Compact for Regulation of Class III Gaming between the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (Tribe) and the State of Oregon (State), dated March 22, 1998. We have completed our review of this Amendment and conclude that it does not violate the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Federal law, or our trust responsibility. Therefore, pursuant to my delegated authority and Section 11 of IGRA, we approve the Amendment. The Amendment shall take effect when the notice of our approval, pursuant to Section 11(d)(3)(B) of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(3)(B), is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

We wish the Tribe and the State success in their economic venture.

Sincerely,



Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Enclosure

Identical Letter Sent to: Honorable John Kitzhaber
Governor of Oregon
254 State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97310

**TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT FOR REGULATION OF
CLASS III GAMING BETWEEN THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES
OF SILETZ INDIANS AND THE STATE OF OREGON**

AMENDMENT IV

This amendment is made to the Class III Gaming Compact between the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon and the State of Oregon executed on November 14, 1994, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on March 22, 1995. The terms of this amendment are in addition to and, except as specifically provided herein, do not supersede any of the provisions of the original compact, or Amendments I, II and III thereto.

WHEREAS, the Tribes wish to extend the terms of Amendment I, II and III to the Compact which provides for regulation of house banked blackjack at the gaming facility, and

WHEREAS, the State agrees that the circumstances justify this Amendment,

NOW THEREFORE, the Tribes and the State hereby approve the following amendments to the Compact:

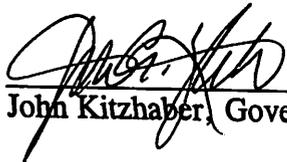
I. Paragraph I of Amendment III, is amended as follows:

The provisions of subsection F of Section 4 of this Compact as amended by this Amendment ~~III~~ IV, expire on March 31, ~~1998~~ 1999. Unless an extension of this amendment or a permanent amendment governing the operation of house banked blackjack has been negotiated and executed before the expiration of this amendment, the Tribes agrees to terminate blackjack games at the gaming facility until a new agreement has been negotiated and executed.

II. This amendment is effective as an extension under Paragraph VII of Amendment I of the Compact, upon execution by the State and the Tribes, and submission to the Secretary of the Interior. It is the intent of both the State and the Tribes that this Amendment be fully enforceable as between the parties to it from and after the date it is executed and submitted to the Secretary of the Interior, ~~both as to the Tribes' ability to offer house-banked blackjack and the State's and the Tribes' responsibility to implement the regulatory amendments contained herein.~~

EXECUTED as of the date and year below.

STATE OF OREGON



John Kitzhaber, Governor

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE SILETZ
INDIANS OF OREGON



Pat Duncan, Chair

Date: 12 March 1998

Date: March 22, 1998

APPROVED BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY - INDIAN AFFAIRS

By: 

KEVIN GOVER

Date: MAY 09 1998