



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Indian Gaming; Approval of the Fifth Amendment to the Tribal-State class III Gaming Compact Amendment between Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians of Washington and the State of Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs approves the fifth amendment to the Tribal-State compact for class III gaming between the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians of Washington and the State of Washington governing the operation and regulation of class III gaming activities. The amendment allows for the operation of electronic table games and removes provisions related to revenue sharing for smoking cessation purposes.

DATES: The amendment takes effect on [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, (IGRA) provides the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) with 45 days to review and approve or disapprove the Tribal-State compact governing the conduct of class III gaming activity on the Tribe's Indian lands. *See* 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8). If the Secretary does not approve or disapprove a Tribal-State compact within the 45 days, IGRA provides the Tribal-State compact is considered to have been approved by the Secretary, but only to the extent the compact is consistent with IGRA. *See* 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8)(D). The IGRA also

requires the Secretary to publish in the *Federal Register* notice of the approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in class III gaming activities on Indian lands. *See* 25 U.S.C. (d)(8)(D). As required by 25 CFR 293.4, all compacts and amendments are subject to review and approval by the Secretary. The Amendment changes the scope of gaming to include electronic table games and creates regulations for those games. The Amendment is approved.

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Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs.

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