

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approval for Amendment III to Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 2710, of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-497), 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 III to the Tribal-State Compact For Regulation of Class III Gaming Between the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Tribe and the State of Oregon, which was executed on December 30, 1997.

DATES: This action is effective February 27, 1998.

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

Dated: February 19, 1998.

Kevin Gover,
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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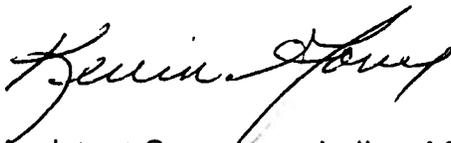
Honorable Lillie Butler
Tribal Chairman
Confederated Tribes of Siletz
Indians of Oregon
P.O. Box 549
Siletz, Oregon 97380

Dear Chairman Butler:

On January 6, 1998, we received Amendment III to the Tribal-State Gaming Compact for regulation of class III gaming between the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon (Tribe) and the State of Oregon (State), dated December 30, 1997. 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 Section 11(d)(8)(A) of IGRA, 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8)(A) and delegated authority in 209 DM 8.1, 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 III.

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 and II thereto.

WHEREAS, the Tribes wish to extend the terms of Amendment I and II 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 VII of Amendment I (paragraph II of Amendment II), is amended as follows:

VII. ~~[This amendment expires on June 30, 1996.]~~ The provisions of subsection F of Section 4 of this Compact as amended by this Amendment III, expire on March 31, 1998. 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.

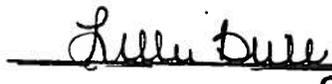
STATE OF OREGON



John Kitzhaber, Governor

Date: 12-30-97

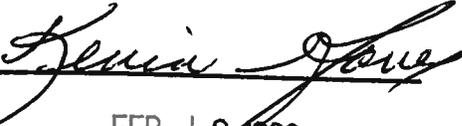
CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE SILETZ
INDIANS OF OREGON



Chair

Date: 12/23/97

APPROVED BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY - INDIAN AFFAIRS

By: 

FEB 19 1998

Date: _____