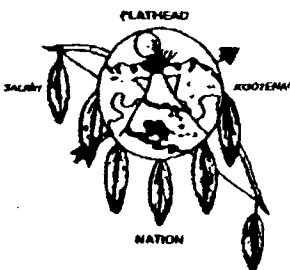


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Hon. Phillip N. Hogen, Chairman
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VIA HAND-DELIVERY

RE: Meeting Site – Working Draft 4

Dear Chairman Hogen and Tribal Advisory Committee Members:

On behalf of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, I am extending an invitation to the National Indian Gaming Commission's Joint Federal/Tribal Advisory Committee to hold your next meeting, regarding Draft 4 of the Class II Gaming Classification and Technical Standards, to the Flathead Reservation.

The Class II regulatory issues are important to all Tribes, including the 10 federally-recognized Tribes located in the State of Montana. By bringing the Committee to the Flathead Reservation, you would allow rural, isolated Tribes better access to the process and information. The Flathead Reservation is within driving distance for many Tribes throughout the northwest. Our Tribe owns and operates the Best Western KwaTaqNuk Resort, located in the heart of our reservation, Polson, Montana which will allow sufficient accommodations for this meeting.

Thank you for your consideration and hard work. We look forward to seeing you in January of 2005!

Sincerely,

D. Fred Matt, Chairman