



June 9, 2006

## GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION NOTICE AND REQUEST

Pursuant to our commitment to government-to-government consultation, the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC or Commission) will be conducting consultations with Tribes on the proposed Class II game classification regulations as published in the Federal Register on May 25, 2006. These proposed regulations are another step toward achieving the Commission's goal of clearly distinguishing technologically-aided Class II games from Class III "electronic or electromechanical facsimiles of any game of chance." A copy of the notice of proposed rulemaking that appeared in the Federal Register is attached. The proposed regulations differ from the fifth draft that was provided to the public in April of 2005. The changes address the concerns of the Department of Justice that these regulations more clearly distinguish between the play and appearance of Class II and Class III games.

Accordingly, the Commission asks to meet and consult separately and privately with you and other tribal governmental or regulatory gaming leaders regarding the proposed Class II game classification regulations.

In keeping with our stated policy regarding government-to-government tribal consultation, the Commission has reserved the following dates and locations for consultation:

- July 12-13      Washington, D.C. -- Radisson Hotel (703) 920-8600
- July 17-18      Bloomington, Minnesota -- Sheraton Hotel (952) 835-7800

- July 19-20 Denver, Colorado – Hilton Garden Inn (303) 371-9393
- July 24-25 Tacoma, Washington – Sheraton Hotel (253) 572-3200
- July 26-27 Ontario, California – Doubletree Hotel (909) 937-0900
- August 8-9 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma – Renaissance Hotel (405) 228-8000

These consultation meetings will be transcribed and made part of the permanent official record. The Commission has broken its day into 15 minute blocks, and each Tribe may reserve up to 3 blocks. Meetings can be scheduled on the aforementioned dates. We are scheduling on a first-come first-serve basis.

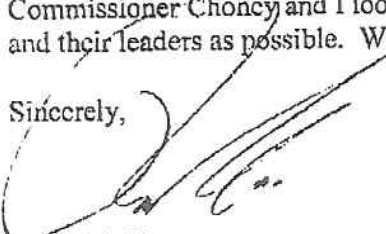
Due to the anticipated time constraints, the Commission encourages all tribal governments to also submit written comments. All written statements will become part of the permanent record. Comments must be submitted on or before August 23, 2006, and addressed to "Comments on Electronic or Electromechanical Facsimile Definition" National Indian Gaming Commission, Suite 9100, 1441 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005, Attn: Penny Coleman, Acting General Counsel." Comments may be transmitted by facsimile to 202-632-0045, mailed or submitted to the above address.

To schedule your Tribe's private government-to-government consultation meeting with the Commission, please complete and fax the enclosed meeting reservation form to Natalie Hemlock, Special Assistant to the Commission, at 202-632-0045 as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding the scheduling or consultation process, please call Natalie Hemlock at 202-632-7003.

Commissioner Chöncy and I look forward to meeting and consulting with as many Tribes and their leaders as possible. We hope you will be able to schedule a meeting with us.

Sincerely,



Philip N. Hogen  
Chairman

Enclosure

## Classification Standards Regulation Consultation Meetings

July 12-13 – Washington, DC  
 July 17-18 – Bloomington, Minnesota  
 July 19-20 – Denver, Colorado  
 July 24-25 – Tacoma, Washington  
 July 26-27 – Ontario, California  
 August 8-9 – Oklahoma City

To schedule a government-to-government consultation meeting with the Commission, please fill out this form and fax to 202.632.0045. Appointments will be made on a first-come first-serve basis. You will be notified of your consultation time after the consultation schedule has been finalized.

Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Preferred Date: *(meetings will be held on first-come first-serve basis)*

July 12 _____	July 13 _____	15 mins _____	30 mins _____	45 mins _____
July 17 _____	July 18 _____	15 mins _____	30 mins _____	45 mins _____
July 19 _____	July 20 _____	15 mins _____	30 mins _____	45 mins _____
July 24 _____	July 25 _____	15 mins _____	30 mins _____	45 mins _____
July 26 _____	July 27 _____	15 mins _____	30 mins _____	45 mins _____
Aug 8 _____	Aug 9 _____	15 mins _____	30 mins _____	45 mins _____

Provide names of Tribal Chairs, Council Members, or Gaming Commissioners attending the meeting with NIGC (for additional persons, list names on a separate sheet):

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_