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The Honorable Timothy Ballew, II
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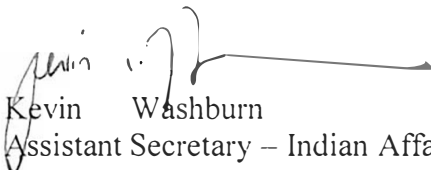
Dear Chairman Ballew:

On February 20, 2014, the Department of the Interior received the Third Amendment (Amendment) to the Tribal-State Compact between the Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation (Tribe) and the State of Washington providing for the regulation of Class III gaming conducted by the Tribe.

We have completed our review of the Amendment and conclude that it does not violate the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), any other provision of Federal law that does not relate to jurisdiction over gaming on Indian lands, or the trust obligations of the United States to Indians. *See* 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8)(B). Therefore, pursuant to my delegated authority and Section 11 of IGRA, I approve the Amendment. *See* 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8)(A). This Amendment shall take effect when the notice or this approval is published in the *Federal Register*. *See* 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(J)(B).

A similar letter is being sent to the Honorable Jay Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington.

Sincerely,


Kevin Washburn
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

Enclosure

THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE TRIBAL/STATE
COMPACT FOR CLASS III GAMING BETWEEN
LUMMI NATION AND THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, on September 21, 1995, the State of Washington ("State") and the Lummi Nation ("Tribe") executed a Class III Gaming Compact ("Compact"), pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, P.L. 100-407, codified at 25 U.S.C. Section 2701 *et. seq.* and 18 U.S.C. Sections 1166-1668; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2000, and March 30, 2007, the State and the Tribe executed two amendments to the Compact in the form of Appendices X and X2; and

WHEREAS, the Compact executed by the State and the Tribe, as well as any amendments thereto, were approved by the Secretary of the Interior and are in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, the State and Tribe have now agreed to amend the Tribe's definition of "gaming facility" to clarify the area where Class III gaming activities are conducted on Lummi Nation Lands,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Compact shall be, and hereby is amended to read and state as follows:

Section II. Definitions

J. "Gaming Facility" means the building or portions thereof in which Class III activities as authorized by this Compact are conducted on Lummi Nation Lands.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Lummi Nation and the State of Washington have executed this amendment to the Compact.

THE LUMMI NATION

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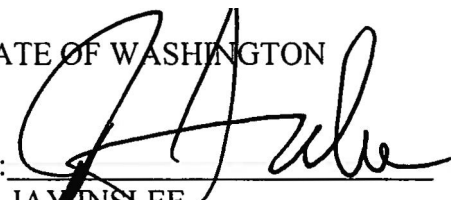

TIMOTHY BALLEW, II
Chairman, Lummi Nation

DATED:

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STATE OF WASHINGTON

BY:


JAY INSLEE
Governor

DATED:

Feb 17, 2014