



# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Washington, DC 20240

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The Honorable Leonard Forsman  
Chairman, Suquamish Indian Tribe  
of the Port Madison Reservation  
PO Box 498  
Suquamish, Washington 98392

Dear Chairman Forsman:

On March 7, 2024, the Office of Indian Gaming received the Memorandum of Incorporation of Most Favored Nation Amendments to the Tribal State Compact for Class III Gaming between the Suquamish Tribe and the State of Washington for review and approval. This is the Seventh Amendment (Amendment) to the Tribal-State Compact for Class III Gaming between the Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation (Tribe) and the State of Washington. The Amendment clarifies the terms and conditions within which the Tribe may offer Sports Pools.

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. 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8)(B). Therefore, pursuant to my delegated authority and Section 11 of IGRA, I approve the Amendment. 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8)(A). The Amendment takes effect when the notice of this approval is published in the *Federal Register*, as required by 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8)(D).

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

Sincerely,

Bryan Newland  
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

Enclosure

**MEMORANDUM OF INCORPORATION of  
MOST FAVORED NATION AMENDMENTS  
To The  
TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT FOR CLASS III GAMING  
Between the  
SUQUAMISH TRIBE  
and the  
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

The Suquamish Tribe ("Tribe") and the State of Washington ("State") entered into a Tribal-State Compact for Class III Gaming ("Compact") on January 26, 1995, and amended the Compact by mutual agreement on November 23, 1998, March 30, 2007, April 8, 2015, June 6, 2021, and July 24, 2023. Pursuant to Section XV(D)(8) of the Compact, to maintain equality, the compact shall be amended automatically if the Secretary of Interior approves a compact with any Washington tribe west of the Cascade Mountains, or an amendment thereto, that includes modifications to the scope of gaming or otherwise includes an expansion of terms. The following amendments in this Memorandum of Incorporation ("MOI") are hereby automatically incorporated in the Compact. Modifications that require formal amendment or renegotiation will be addressed separately. Anything not specifically authorized or amended by this MOI but provided for in the Tribe's Compact, any other appendices, or the Most Favored Nations Section XV(d)(8) shall remain in full force and effect.


**Section III(A)(18) is amended as follows:** “Sports Pools. The Tribe shall be entitled to offer sports pools, on regularly scheduled athletic contests, of one hundred (100) squares wherein each square is sold for not more than ten (10) dollars (wager) plus an administrative charge payable to the Tribe of not more than fifty cents (\$0.50) per \$10.00 wager. All wagers shall be awarded to winners as prizes. All other provisions of state law established in RCW 9.46.0335 regarding the conduct of sports pools shall be applicable as authorized for play in Washington State.”

INCORPORATED ON THE LAST DATE ENTERED BELOW.

SUQUAMISH TRIBE

BY:   
LEONARD FORSMAN  
Chairman

STATE OF WASHINGTON

BY:   
JAY INSLEE  
Governor

DATED: 2/21/24

DATED: 2/28/24

Consistent with 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8)(A), "The Secretary is authorized to approve any Tribal-State compact entered into between an Indian tribe and a State governing gaming on Indian lands of such Indian tribe." Therefore, the Memorandum of Incorporation of Most Favored Nations Amendments to the Tribal-State Compact for Class III Gaming Between the Suquamish Tribe and State of Washington is hereby approved.

APPROVED

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR



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Bryan Newland  
Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

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Date