

State Centennial Accord Plans

1. Programs

The Washington State Gambling Commission is responsible for the regulation of gambling in Washington State. Included in this responsibility is the co-regulation of Tribal Class III gambling in conjunction with the tribal gaming agencies. The terms of this tribal/state relationship are governed by the Class III gaming compacts between the state and the individual tribes and the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA).

The agency's tribal regulatory functions are primarily the responsibility of the tribal gaming unit, the electronic gambling laboratory, and the licensing services division. In addition to our regulatory functions and certification/suitability determinations of tribal licensees, the agency provides gambling regulatory training and advice to the Tribe, tribal gaming agencies, and employees.

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3. Funding Distribution

As a regulatory agency, the Gambling Commission does not have funds for distribution to tribes. The commission collects fees from tribes to pay for regulatory services.

4. Consultation Process-Procedures

The Gambling Commission is committed to consulting with tribes on all issues that affect our respective governments.

The Tribal Gaming Unit works directly with tribes on gambling regulatory issues on a day-to-day basis.

The Tribal & Technical Gambling Division Assistant Director is in regular contact with the tribes.

The Director is the lead contact for compact negotiations.

The agency participates in all Centennial Accord meetings.

5. Dispute Resolution Process

The dispute resolution process for Class III gaming issues is set forth in the Class III Gaming Compacts between the individual tribes and the state. This process involves several levels of dispute resolution from consultation, to mediation and arbitration.

Agency employees are strongly encouraged to resolve disputes on an informal basis whenever possible.