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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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The Colville Tribes and Washington Work Toward Sports Betting

(Nespelem, WA) — In 2020, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation joined with ten other tribes situated within the State of Washington to jointly negotiate an agreement to authorize tribes to offer betting on sporting events. After more than a year of negotiations, a tentative agreement has been reached.

The proposed amendment to the existing compact will enable the Colville Tribes to effectively offer sports betting to its casino patrons. The agreement is comprehensive, covering a wide range of concerns that include money laundering and integrity of sporting events, but it also respect tribal sovereignty and preserves flexibility for the Tribes. Washington residents will not be permitted to bet on local collegiate teams.

The proposed agreement must still receive final approval from the Washington State Gambling Commission, Governor Jay Inslee, and the Secretary of the Department of the Interior of the United States. More details will be announced in the future, including the date sports betting may commence.

The Chairman of the Colville Tribes, Rodney Cawston, said, “The Colville Tribes looks forward to inviting patrons to bet on their favorite teams in the near future. The negotiation process with our State and tribal partners has been very productive as we have worked together to benefit all citizens of this region. This additional revenue stream will support tribal projects throughout the region and ultimately flows back into our local communities.”

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,450 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. The twelve tribes which compose the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation include: ščəlámxəx^w (deep water) or Chelan; walwáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; sǰ^wyʔilp (sharp pointed trees) or Colville; šntíyátk^wəx^w (grass in the water) or Entiat; snǰáyckst (speckled fish) or Lakes; mətx^wu (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxčənəx^w (people living on the bank) or Moses-Columbia; nspilm (prairie) or Nespelem; uknaqin (seeing over the top) or Okanogan; palúšpam (people from Palouse) or Palus; sənpǰ^wilx (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnpǰəšq^wáwsəx^w (people in between) or Wenatchi.