

However, under the 1978 regulations, this was not adequate to meet criterion 83.7(b), as the 1978 wording required that there be a distinct "community viewed as American Indian" [emphasis added]. This wording was removed in the 1994 revision of criterion 83.7(b), which now requires only the existence of a distinct community. The regulations continue to require, under both criteria 83.7(b) and 83.7(c), that a petitioning group show continuity from the time of first sustained contact with non-Indians until the present.

Under the provisions of the revised regulations, the Ramapough Mountain Indians, Inc. has been found to meet criteria 83.7(b) and 83.7(c) for a limited period of time, from 1870 until about 1950. No new evidence concerning criterion 83.7(c) was submitted for the final determination. However, under a provision of the 1994 revised regulations that was designed to reduce the burden of proof on petitioners, it is automatically assumed that when a group meets criterion 83.7(b) with a sufficient level of evidence (endogamy of greater than 50 percent; geographically proximate residence of greater than 50 percent, etc.), it also will have met criterion 83.7(c) for the same period of time. Based on this linkage between the two criteria, it is determined that the Ramapough Mountain Indians, Inc. has met criterion 83.7(c) for the period 1870–1950.

The modifications under the revised regulations do not change the ultimate finding concerning criteria 83.7(b) and 83.7(c), however, since the requirement of continuous existence as a social community (83.7(b)) and continuous exercise of political influence or authority over the group's members (83.7(c)), from the time of first sustained contact of the historical tribe, or tribes which amalgamated and functioned as a single political entity, with non-Indians until the present, remains in force. Meeting a criterion for a limited period is not sufficient to meet the criterion overall, because of the requirement of continuous existence. No adequate evidence has been submitted to show the continuous existence of a community from first sustained contact with non-Indians until 1870, or from 1950 to the present. Therefore, the petitioner does not meet criterion 83.7(b). No new evidence was submitted to show the continuous exercise of political influence or authority within the group from first sustained contact with non-Indians until 1870, or from 1950 to the present. Therefore, the petitioner does not meet criterion 83.7(c).

The Proposed Finding concluded that, "No evidence was found to substantially demonstrate Indian ancestry for the RMI membership which was derived from a historic tribe. It also could not be established that there is any Indian ancestry from isolated Indian individuals, and there is virtually no documentary evidence from historical records for such ancestry." No new evidence was submitted pertaining to criterion 83.7(e), descent of the petitioner's membership from a historical Indian tribe, or from tribes which amalgamated and functioned as a single political unit. The petitioner's response presented a re-analysis of the same evidence considered in the Proposed Finding to decline to acknowledge. The conclusion that the origins and parentage of the earliest generation of the petitioner's documented ancestors remain unknown is not changed in this final determination. Therefore, the Ramapough Mountain Indians, Inc., does not meet criterion 83.7(e).

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Indian Gaming, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Amendment to Approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 2710, of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100–497), the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the Federal Register, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, has approved Amendment II to the Tribal-State Compact for Regulation of Class III Gaming Between the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians and the State of Oregon, which was executed on October 27, 1995.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 6, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219–4068.

Dated: December 14, 1995.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approval for Blackjack Amendment to Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 2710, of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100–497), the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the Federal Register, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts or considered approved for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, is publishing an Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact For Regulation of Class III Gaming Between the Coquille Indian Tribe and the State of Oregon, which is considered approved, but only to the extent the amendment is consistent with the provisions of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of the Interior neither approved nor disapproved the Coquille Indian Tribe's Blackjack Amendment within the 45-day statutory deadline set forth in 25 U.S.C. 2710 (d)(8)(C). The deadline expired on January 4, 1996. Thus, the Coquille Indian Tribe's Blackjack Amendment is considered approved as specified in 25 U.S.C. 2710 (d)(8)(C), to the extent that is consistent with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

DATES: This action is effective February 6, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4068.

Dated: January 29, 1996.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Indian Gaming, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Approval for Amendment I to Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 2710, of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100–497), the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the Federal Register, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—