



20 Black Brook Road  
Aquinnah, MA 02535

Phone: 508-645-9265  
Fax: 508-645-3790

---

March 5, 2012

HAND DELIVERED

The Honorable Deval Patrick  
Governor of the State of Massachusetts  
Massachusetts State House  
Room 280  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Patrick:

**Re: Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Formal Notice under the  
Massachusetts's Gaming Act of Intent to Enter into Negotiations for a Gaming  
Compact**

On behalf of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) (the "Tribe"), please accept this letter as the Tribe's formal request for the State to enter gaming compact negotiations pursuant to the requirements set forth in Section 91 of HR 3807, "An Act Establishing Expanded Gaming in the Commonwealth" (the "Act"). As required by section 91(c) of the Act, the Tribe has:

- (1) Entered into an agreement to purchase a parcel of land for the proposed tribal gaming development in Region C as defined by the Act; and
- (2) Requested the community schedule a vote to approve the proposed gaming development.

The Tribe reserves the right to substitute any parcels of land that the Tribe currently owns or will own in the future in Fall River or any other community located in Region C for any proposed tribal gaming development.

Further, the Tribe also intends to game within the Commonwealth under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (“IGRA”), 25 U.S.C. §§ 2701 et seq., and on land that may or may not be identified in this letter. A separate request for compact negotiations solely under IGRA will be forthcoming. Finally, nothing in this letter is intended to waive the Tribe’s sovereign immunity.

Please contact me by email at [chairwoman@wampanoagtribe.net](mailto:chairwoman@wampanoagtribe.net) or by phone at (508) 328-8178, or Scott Crowell at Crowell Law Offices – Tribal Advocacy Group by email at [scottcrowell@hotmail.com](mailto:scottcrowell@hotmail.com) or by phone at (425) 802- 5369 to schedule negotiation meetings.

Sincerely,



Chairwoman Cheryl Andrews-Maltais  
The Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)  
Aquinnah Wampanoag Gaming Corporation

Cc: Henry Buffalo, Jacobson, Buffalo, Magnuson, Anderson & Hogen, PC  
Jerome Levine, Holland & Knight  
Scott Crowell, Crowell Law Offices – Tribal Advocacy Group  
Lael Echo-Hawk, Crowell Law Offices – Tribal Advocacy Group  
Gyasi Ross, Crowell Law Offices – Tribal Advocacy Group  
John Duffy, Steptoe and Johnson  
Jody Cummings, Steptoe and Johnson