

## TULALIP RESORT CASINO HITS CONSTRUCTION MILESTONES AS MAJOR EXPANSION AND RENOVATION CONTINUES

## 70,250-SQUARE-FOOT ADDITION SLATED FOR 2025 COMPLETION; UPDATES MADE OR UNDERWAY TO NORTH ENTRANCE, BLACKFISH, HIGH-LIMIT SLOTS ROOM AND MORE

**TULALIP, Wash. (September 23, 2024)** – Tulalip Resort Casino continues to hit its construction milestones in the dramatic expansion and major renovation underway at the property with an anticipated completion in late 2025 for the expansion and late 2026 for all major renovations.

Construction is progressing on the 70,250-square-foot addition on the north side of the existing 200,000-square-foot award-winning Vegas-style casino. With additional gaming opportunities and amenities, the expansion will highlight the Tulalip Tribes' culture and traditions through innovative design concepts representing the dynamics of the Salish Sea, shorelines and forest environments. New architectural features and visuals, a rich palate of colors and the use of natural material will be woven into the design themes.

Recently completed milestones include extensive updates to the north, central and south restrooms, marking the completion of all the project's restroom renovations.

Set to re-open in late October, the casino's High-Limit Slot Room is also undergoing a makeover with many of the machines temporarily relocated near the VIP Lounge and North Entrance.

Award-winning Blackfish Wild Salmon Grill Restaurant will be temporarily closed starting Wednesday, September 25, for updates to enhance the dining experience and will re-open Friday, October 4. Dining will be available nearby at Tula Bene Pastaria + Chophouse during the closure.

The Blackfish bar will be closed starting Thursday, October 3 and will re-open mid-December. Bar service will be available at the Tula Bene Pastaria + Chophouse bar. The Tula Bene bar will be open on Wednesday evenings with a limited Blackfish menu beginning Wednesday, October 9. The Journeys East To-Go counter and bar will be closed September 23-24. Starting Wednesday, September 25, renovation will commence for these two stations with a temporary To-Go podium located next to the restaurant entrance. A satellite bar with limited drink options will be available around the right corner near the beverage station. Completion is scheduled for late November.

The North Entrance will be closed Monday, September 23, through Friday, October 18. There may be additional intermittent short-term closures for safety reasons.

"For 21 years Tulalip Resort Casino has been a favorite regional destination for a premier gaming, dining, meeting, entertainment and shopping experience in Washington state," stated Marci Fryberg, President/COO of Tulalip Gaming Organization. "The expansion and renovation will allow us to continue to set new standards in delivering the gaming excitement, plus amenities and services, one expects in a premier resort."

Working with the internal Project Team and Division Leaders, Swinerton Construction is the building contractor and Rice Fergus Miller is the architectural firm for the project. Swinerton is one of nation's top builders in the hospitality sector including casinos and a wide range of resort and hotel properties. Bremerton-based Rice Fergus Miller has extensive project credits serving Native communities including projects with Tulalip Resort Casino, other resorts and casinos and a variety of tribal education projects across the region.

Tulalip Resort Casino has been designated as a AAA Four-Diamond resort every year since 2009 and is consistently recognized for excellence among guests and industry professionals. Recent international recognition includes Forbes Travel Guide's Star Award (2024) and Tripadvisor<sup>®</sup> Travelers' Choice<sup>®</sup> Award (the past four years), among others.

For more information about Tulalip Resort Casino's renovation project and updates visit <u>https://www.everythingtulalip.com/properties/tulalip-resort-casino/renovation</u>.

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## About Tulalip Resort Casino

Award-winning Tulalip Resort Casino is the most distinctive gaming, dining, meeting, entertainment and shopping destination in Washington state. The AAA Four-Diamond resort's world-class amenities have ensured its place on the Condé Nast Traveler Gold and Traveler Top 100 Resorts lists. The property includes 192,000 square feet of gaming excitement, sportsbook betting through DraftKings, a luxury hotel featuring 370 guest rooms and suites; 30,000 square feet of premier meeting, convention and wedding space; the full-service T Spa; and multiple dining venues. It also showcases the intimate Canoes Cabaret and a 3,000-seat amphitheater. Nearby, find the Hibulb Cultural Center and Natural History Preserve, Cabela's and 130 designer names at the Seattle Premium Outlets. The Resort Casino is conveniently located between Seattle and Vancouver, B.C. just off Interstate-5 at exit 200. It is an enterprise of the Tulalip Tribes. For reservations, please call 866.716.7162 or visit us at Tulalip Resort Casino. Connect with us on Facebook, X (Twitter) and Instagram.