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TULALIP BAY RECEIVES AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED DINING AND WINE SERVICE

Resort Casino's Fine Dining Establishment Acknowledged for Excellence

Tulalip, Wash. (June 30, 2008) – Tulalip Bay, the award-winning fine dining establishment at Tulalip Resort Casino, has recently been recognized for excellence with both a DiRoNa Award and a Washington Wine Award of Distinction. Given by the Distinguished Restaurants of North America, the prestigious DiRoNa Award is granted to the most distinguished of fine dining restaurants in North America, Canada and Mexico. The Washington Wine Award of Distinction is given by the Washington Wine Commission to restaurants that exhibit strong support of Washington wines and high professional standards in wine service.

“These two awards acknowledge the creativity and excellence that is consistently displayed by Chef Shinagawa and his staff at Tulalip Bay,” said Kenneth Kettler, president and COO of Tulalip Resort Casino. “We are pleased to be able to provide such a memorable dining experience for our guests.”

Innovative culinary artistry, impeccable service, and an elegant setting combine to create the fine dining experience at Tulalip Bay. An open kitchen invites guests to feed their senses of sight and smell well before tasting sophisticated items that incorporate flavors of the islands with the finest Northwest ingredients. An intimate wine room, featuring a handcrafted chandelier by world renowned artist Dale Chihuly and more than 500 wines selected by sommelier Tom Thompson, offers a perfect setting for entertaining and private parties. Led by James Beard House invitee chef Dean Shinagawa, Tulalip Bay has also received the 2007 Wine Spectator Award of Excellence. For more information about Tulalip Bay restaurant, visit www.tulalipresort.com.

About the DiRoNa Award

Founded in 1990 with a mission to serve as an authority on recognizing and promoting excellence in dining, the Distinguished Restaurants of North America is a non-profit organization that seeks to promote fine dining. The DiRoNa Quality Assurance Program is the only independent and anonymous restaurant inspection program that operates across North America. Extensive criteria and an impartial inspection process are used to evaluate all aspects of a distinguished dining experience, including food, beverage, service and environment. DiRoNa distinguished restaurants also consistently provide exceptional quality, value and a memorable dining experience. For more information about the DiRoNa Award, visit www.dirona.com.

About the Washington Wine Award of Distinction

Washington Wine Commission judges nominate restaurants based on three categories including wine list, promotional activities with Washington wines, and wine service and staff training. When judging a

wine list they look for creativity and wine philosophy, whether the wine list leads off with a Washington wine category, and whether it has a separate category for Washington wines. Restaurants that receive awards from the Washington Wine Commission often host promotional events with Washington wines such as wine dinners and wine flights, and participate in Washington Wine Month. Lastly, in the category of wine service and staff training, exceptional restaurants will have a certified sommelier(s) on staff, ongoing wine training and wine tasting programs for staff, a supplemental Washington wine education class and proper wine presentation, including glassware. The judging panel includes members of the Washington Wine Commission, Washington State Restaurant Association, Wine Marketing Professionals and *Seattle Business Monthly*, as well as Washington wine producers and individuals from the restaurant industry. For more information about the Washington Wine Award of Distinction, visit www.washingtonwine.org.

About Tulalip Resort Casino

With the opening of its luxury hotel in summer 2008, Tulalip Resort Casino will become the largest and most distinctive meeting, gaming, entertainment and shopping destination in Washington State. What began with a bingo hall established by the Tulalip Tribes in 1983, has evolved into a world-class resort destination which includes: the region's "#1 Place for Fun" Tulalip Casino with 192,000 square feet of gaming; five dining venues headlined by the exceptional Tulalip Bay Restaurant; the intimate Canoes Cabaret; the 3,000-seat Tulalip Amphitheatre, a leading entertainment venue; and the Seattle Premium Outlets, featuring more than 100 name brand retail discount outlets. The crown jewel of Tulalip Resort Casino will be its new luxury hotel featuring 370 guestrooms and suites, as well as premier meeting, convention and wedding space, and an elegant, 14,000 square foot, full-service spa. Surrounded by the Cascade Mountains and Puget Sound, Tulalip Resort Casino is situated on 83 acres within the municipality of Quil Ceda Village on the Tulalip Indian Reservation. Tulalip Resort Casino is conveniently located between Seattle and Vancouver, B.C. just off Interstate-5 at exit 200 and is an enterprise of the Tulalip Tribes. For further information on Tulalip Resort Casino call 888-272-1111 or visit www.tulalipresort.com.

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