

Dear Ms. Wratschko,

Haliburton Forest is in the concept, planning process of forming a sporting clays shooting range deep within its private forested lands. We are reaching out to the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association to keep everyone apprised of this new and exciting development which will bring just one more great outdoor activity to our area for the residents/cottagers of Kennisis Lake.

The facility will be a safe, family orientated, guided experience, complimenting the overall tourism business of Haliburton Forest and the strong hunting traditions and culture of the county.

The operating plan is being developed with a high level of safety being paramount, and equally important are noise abatement measures that will be incorporated into the range design plan. The range itself is built in a gravel pit/forested area with a hill as a backdrop/barrier. The range is far from any cottages, trails and roads. It will have a boundary that is very clearly marked with numerous signs and within this boundary will be a "safety zone perimeter". In the spring of 2019, when leaves were off the trees, on a very calm, quiet day, numerous sound tests where conducted along Watts Road and Kennisis Lake Road with the loudest possible ammunition. The results were that most shots could not be heard. In one area a very faint, distant pop, equivalent to someone swinging a hammer across the lake, was heard. Once leaves are on, quieter ammunition is used, and sound abatement measures are in place we are confident shots won't be heard.

The range will not increase traffic on Watts Road or Kennisis Lake Road as guests would access the range through Haliburton Forest roads.

We are happy to meet and discuss the proposed project further.

Yours sincerely,

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