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Whispering Pines Cottages
On Rice Lake

Presentation to TSW Panel July 4th, 2007

As the owner of a small cottage resort/fishing camp (12 cottages) I am very concerned about the proposed imposition of “Water Lot Leases” and the costs involved.

In the August 2006 Information Package from Parks Canada/TSW it was stated:

“It is the policy of the Federal Government that those receiving benefit from the use of federal lands are expected to pay for that benefit.” (Paragraph 2.0)

**I estimate that the annual cost for
Whispering Pines will be about \$750**

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**In the 10 years that we have owned Whispering
Pines Cottages we have not had a single night's
cottage rental to boaters traveling the Trent-
Severn Waterway**

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**In the 10 years that we have owned
Whispering Pines Cottages we have not sold a
single litre of gas or other supplies to boaters
traveling the Trent-Severn Waterway**

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**In the 10 years that we have owned
Whispering Pines Cottages we have have
received ZERO benefit from being located on
the Trent-Severn Waterway**

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If Rice Lake were a fully enclosed lake with no connections to the Trent-Severn Waterway, our business would not have differed by a single cent in the last 10 years

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In fact, Whispering Pines HAS contributed to the federal coffers. Between 2001 and 2005 we collected \$11,615- in GST, solely from boat and dock space rentals

The Users HAVE been paying

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The 35 similar resorts on Rice Lake have a substantial % of US guests, in my case about 75%

I think it is well known that tourism is having great difficulties in Ontario, variously due to low US exchange rate, 9/11 effects, gas costs and perceived passport requirements

MNR figures show a decline in fishing licence sales of 36% from 2002 to 2005 by Rice Lake issuers

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**The last thing we need are increased costs that
have to be passed on to our guests**

**This will almost certainly result in even fewer
tourists to the lake**

If the Panel decides that dock licencing fees are justified, then we should at least get something in return:



The weeds in many parts of Rice Lake are a major source of complaints and difficulties, especially for smaller boats

The TSW should make an effort to reduce the amount of weeds and increase and expand channels cut by the larger boats

Thank You

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