

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 1247 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **[84.1515] WILD RICE POLICY.**

1.4 It is the policy of the state to recognize the inherent right of uncultivated wild rice to
1.5 exist and thrive in Minnesota. The legislature finds that wild rice:

1.6 (1) is a nutrient-rich, natural food source that has been sustainably harvested in this state
1.7 for centuries;

1.8 (2) is sacred to Indian Tribes and is a core component of their cultural identity;

1.9 (3) thrives in clean, shallow water, without requiring pesticides, fertilizers, or harmful
1.10 chemicals;

1.11 (4) supports rural economies by providing jobs, fostering local businesses, and supporting
1.12 ecotourism;

1.13 (5) plays a crucial role in preventing toxic algae blooms, absorbing carbon dioxide,
1.14 fostering vital habitat for fish, and stabilizing lake beds; and

1.15 (6) is essential for safeguarding Tribal food security and upholding Tribal treaty rights.

1.16 Sec. 2. **[84.1523] WILD RICE WATERS MAPS.**

1.17 The commissioner of natural resources, in consultation with the Pollution Control Agency,
1.18 must create maps that show where waters that are or have been used for the production of
1.19 wild rice are located in this state. The commissioner may consult with Minnesota Tribal
1.20 governments in implementing this section.

1.21 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 86B.311, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.22 Subd. 4. ~~Swimming or bathing areas~~ **Unauthorized operation.** (a) A person may not
1.23 operate a watercraft within a water area that has been marked off or set aside as a swimming
1.24 or bathing area as prescribed by the commissioner's rules.

1.25 (b) A person may not operate a watercraft:

1.26 (1) in or through an uncultivated wild rice bed unless the watercraft is propelled by hand,
1.27 such as a skiff or canoe; or

1.28 (2) at greater than slow-no-wake speed within 150 feet of an uncultivated wild rice bed.

- 2.1 Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION; WILD RICE WATERS MAPS.**
- 2.2 \$..... in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of
- 2.3 natural resources to maintain the wild rice waters maps required by Minnesota Statutes,
- 2.4 section 84.1523."
- 2.5 Amend the title accordingly