



S.F. No. 1247 – Protection of Wild Rice (As Amended by the A-2 Amendment)

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Section 1 [Wild Rice Policy] recognizes the inherent right of uncultivated wild rice to exist and thrive in Minnesota and makes related findings.

Section 2 [Wild Rice Waters Maps Required] requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to create maps that show where waters that have been used for the production of wild rice are located in this state.

Section 3 [Operation of Watercraft Near Uncultivated Wild Rice Beds] prohibits operating a watercraft in or through an uncultivated wild rice bed and prohibits operating a watercraft at greater than slow-no-wake speed within 150 feet of an uncultivated wild rice bed.

Section 4 [Appropriation] appropriates a to be determined amount in fiscal year 2026 from the general fund to the DNR to maintain the wild rice waters maps required by the statute enacted by Section 2.

