

Senator moves to amend the delete everything amendment (SCS2077A-4) to S.F. No. 2077 as follows:

Page 102, after line 10, insert:

"Sec. 3. **[84.1515] WILD RICE POLICY.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Page 106, after line 5, insert:

"Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 86B.311, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

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

(b) A person may not operate a watercraft:

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

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

Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references