

CHAPTER 6284
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
WILD RICE

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6284.0100 OPEN DATES FOR HARVESTING WILD RICE.

The opening date for the harvesting of wild rice is no earlier than August 1 and no later than September 30. Except as provided by this chapter, the opening date, days, and hours of harvest are established by the wild rice director in writing not less than 72 hours prior to the opening and will be announced by issuance of a news release.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 84.14*

History: *18 SR 83*

6284.0200 RESTRICTIONS ON DEPUTY WILD RICE DIRECTORS.

A deputy director of the wild rice harvest may not harvest any wild rice on any waters for the purpose of testing the ripeness of the rice, or for any other purpose, at any time before the waters have been opened for harvesting.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 84.14*

History: *18 SR 83*

6284.0300 METHODS OF HARVESTING WILD RICE.

In addition to the restrictions in Minnesota Statutes, section 84.111, a boat, skiff, or canoe may not have any extension or appliance built onto it or attached to it which will increase its normal or ordinary height or its capacity to carry wild rice. Flails used to harvest wild rice must be round and smooth.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 84.14*

History: *18 SR 83*

6284.0400 PERMIT REQUIRED ON FEDERALLY DESIGNATED AREAS.

A person must obtain the required federal permits before harvesting wild rice in Voyageur's National Park, on the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge, or on the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 84.14*

History: *18 SR 83*

6284.0500 HARVESTING WILD RICE IN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.

All wildlife management areas are closed to the harvest of wild rice, except for the following:

- A. Mud-Goose, Cass county;
- B. Kettle Lake, Carlton county;
- C. Hubbel Pond, Becker county;
- D. Duck Lake, Crow Wing county; and
- E. Newstrom Lake, Aitkin county.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 84.14; 84.152*

History: *18 SR 83; 19 SR 2222*

6284.0600 HARVESTING WILD RICE IN WHITE EARTH, LEECH LAKE, BOIS FORTE, GRAND PORTAGE, FOND DU LAC, AND MILLE LACS INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

Subpart 1. **Allowable methods for harvesting.** The methods for harvesting wild rice on public waters within the original boundaries of the White Earth, Leech Lake, Bois Forte, Grand Portage, Fond du Lac, and Mille Lacs Indian reservations are subject to the provisions of this chapter, to the extent these provisions are not inconsistent with this part.

Subp. 2. **Persons eligible to harvest.** Only the commissioner, tribal members, and persons who are residents of the reservation on which they are harvesting, may harvest or gather wild rice within the boundaries of the reservation.

Subp. 3. **Wild rice management.** The harvest of all native wild rice within a reservation is managed by the wild rice committee of that reservation's business committee. Every member of a wild rice committee is appointed a deputy director of the wild rice harvest.

Subp. 4. **Open dates for harvesting in reservations.** The opening date, days, and hours of harvest must be established by the wild rice committees not less than 24 hours prior to the designated opening and must be publicly announced by issuance of a news release.

Subp. 5. **Alterations to open dates in reservations.** Once opened, the wild rice committees may alter the days and the hours of harvest on any of the waters by posting notice of the change at the major entrances to the waters affected not less than 12 hours prior to the time the alterations are to take effect.

Subp. 6. **Harvesting license required in reservations.** Persons, other than tribal members, harvesting wild rice within a reservation must possess a license to harvest wild rice.

Subp. 7. **Dealer license required in reservations.** Every non-Indian wild rice buyer purchasing wild rice on a reservation must possess a wild rice dealer's license.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 84.14*

History: *18 SR 83*

6284.0700 HARVESTING WILD RICE IN LEECH LAKE RESERVATION.

Subpart 1. **Allowable methods for harvesting.** In addition to the following subparts, the methods for harvesting on public waters within the original boundaries of the Leech Lake Indian Reservation are subject to the provisions of this chapter to the extent that these provisions are not inconsistent with this part.

Subp. 2. **Permit requirements in the reservation.** Persons eligible to harvest wild rice in the reservation must adequately identify themselves to the reservation business committee or its agents and obtain a reservation permit to harvest wild rice. The reservation business committee may charge a fee for reservation permits. The fee for reservation permits sold to nontribal members must be the same as that charged to tribal members. The reservation permit must be carried upon the person while engaged in harvesting and displayed to authorized state or reservation conservation officers upon request.

Subp. 3. **Harvesting license required in reservation.** Persons, other than tribal members, harvesting wild rice on the reservation must possess a license to harvest wild rice in addition to the reservation permit.

Subp. 4. **Dealer license required in reservation.** Non-Indian wild rice buyers buying wild rice within the reservation must possess a buyer's permit from the reservation business committee in addition to a state wild rice dealer's license.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 84.14*

History: *18 SR 83*