

**84.091 AQUATIC VEGETATION IN PUBLIC WATERS.**

Subdivision 1. **Ownership.** The state is the owner of wild rice and other aquatic vegetation growing in public waters. A person may not acquire a property interest in wild rice or other aquatic vegetation or destroy wild rice or aquatic vegetation, except as authorized under this chapter or section 103G.615.

Subd. 2. **License required; exemptions.** (a) Except as provided in this subdivision, a person may not harvest, buy, sell, transport, or possess aquatic plants without a license required under this chapter. A license shall be issued in the same manner as provided under the game and fish laws.

(b) A resident under the age of 18 years may harvest wild rice without a license, if accompanied by a person with a wild rice license.

(c) Tribal band members who possess a valid tribal identification card from a federally recognized tribe located in Minnesota are deemed to have a license to harvest wild rice under this section.

Subd. 3. **License fees.** (a) The fees for the following licenses, to be issued to residents only, are:

(1) for harvesting wild rice:

(i) for a season, \$25; and

(ii) for one day, \$15;

(2) for buying and selling wild ginseng, \$5;

(3) for a wild rice dealer's license to buy and sell 50,000 pounds or less, \$70; and

(4) for a wild rice dealer's license to buy and sell more than 50,000 pounds, \$250.

(b) The fee for a nonresident one-day license to harvest wild rice is \$30.

(c) The weight of the wild rice shall be determined in its raw state.

**History:** 1986 c 386 art 4 s 10; 1987 c 404 s 96; 1991 c 200 s 1; 2003 c 128 art 1 s 15,16; 2004 c 255 s 5; 2016 c 189 art 3 s 10