84.15 COMMISSIONER'S AUTHORITY; RICE HARVESTING.

Subdivision 1. **Authority to restrict harvest.** The commissioner may restrict or prohibit the harvesting of wild rice grain on public waters of any designated area when, upon investigation of conditions, it shall be determined necessary or advisable to protect against undue depletion of the crop so as to retard reseeding or restocking of such area or so as to endanger its effective use as a natural food for waterfowl.

Subd. 2. **Harvest for research or planting.** The commissioner may harvest not to exceed 10,000 pounds of wild rice in any calendar year for the purposes of obtaining wild rice seed for experimental and research purposes and replanting in public waters of the state, including waters within the original boundaries of the Minnesota Indian reservations.

History: *(6131-15) 1939 c 231 s 12; 1949 c 628 s 1; 1957 c 85 s 1; 1986 c 444*