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Wild rice areas no matter where they are located in the state of Minnesota need to be protected to the greatest extent possible.

There should be NO changes implemented until the science has been proven that any modifications in any way, shape or form will do NO HARM to current areas harvested or future development. Wild rice is a staple for many parties regarding their income.

Legislation that has been ignored over the decades to protect, enhance or develop this resource MUST

be implemented, immediately and consistently.