



State of Wisconsin  
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1797/P1

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DOA:.....Vencill, BB0449 - Wild rice restoration and public education

**FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT ...; relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

**GENERAL NATURAL RESOURCES**

***Wild rice stewardship***

This bill appropriates to DNR from the general fund moneys for wild rice stewardship efforts within the waters of areas where American Indian tribes or bands hold treaty-based rights to harvest wild rice. The bill provides that not less than \$50,000 of the amounts appropriated for each fiscal year must be allocated for public education and outreach pertaining to wild rice harvesting.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

**SECTION 1.** 20.370 (1) (kf) of the statutes is created to read:

20.370 (1) (kf) *Wild rice stewardship in ceded territory waters.* From the general fund, the amounts in the schedule for wild rice stewardship efforts conducted, in consultation with federally recognized American Indian tribes or bands domiciled in this state, within the waters of areas where the American Indian tribes or bands hold treaty-based rights to harvest wild rice. Of the amounts in the schedule for each fiscal year, not less than \$50,000 shall be allocated for public education and outreach pertaining to wild rice harvesting.

**BILL**

**SECTION 1**

\*\*\*\*NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

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