



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1822/P1

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DOA:.....Hutter, BB0461 - Labeling of traditionally harvested wild rice

FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

AGRICULTURE

Labeling wild rice as “traditionally harvested”

This bill prohibits any person from labeling wild rice as “traditionally harvested” unless the wild rice is harvested using traditional wild rice harvesting methods of American Indian tribes or bands. The bill requires DATCP to promulgate a rule defining traditional wild rice harvesting methods of American Indian tribes or bands. Under the bill, DATCP must obtain the advice and recommendations of the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc., before promulgating a rule defining a traditional method of wild rice harvesting.

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

SECTION 1. 97.57 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

97.57 (4) No person may sell or offer for sale wild rice labeled “traditionally harvested” unless the wild rice is harvested using traditional wild rice harvesting methods of American Indian tribes or bands, as defined by the department by rule. The department shall obtain the advice and recommendations of the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc., before promulgating a rule defining a traditional wild rice harvesting method.

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