

Assembly Bill 357

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CHAPTER 114, LAWS OF 1967

AN ACT to renumber 29.544 (6); to amend 29.544 (2) (a); and to create 29.544 (6) of the statutes, relating to harvesting of wild rice.
The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 29.544 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.544 (2) (a) The commission is authorized to establish such rules governing the harvest, use, and disposition of wild rice growing in the navigable ~~waters~~ lakes of the state as it deems reasonably necessary for the conservation and wise use thereof. The conservation director is authorized to designate the opening date for harvesting wild rice in any navigable lake or stream by posting notice of such opening date on the shores of and at places of public access to such lake ~~or stream~~ at least 48 hours before such opening date. Such posting ~~shall be~~ is deemed sufficient notice of such opening date and no other publication thereof ~~shall be~~ is required.

SECTION 2. 29.544 (6) of the statutes is renumbered 29.544 (7).

SECTION 3. 29.544 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

29.544 (6) (a) PRIVATE WATERS. (a) Nothing in this section shall be construed as giving the state of Wisconsin, the state conservation commission or its agents the right to control, regulate, manage or harvest wild rice growing on privately owned beds of ~~streams~~, flowages or ponds.

(b) No person shall, within the boundaries of this state, use or cause to be used any mechanical device of any nature in the harvesting or gathering of wild rice.

Approved August 17, 1967.