

Wild Rice Management Strategic Analysis – Scoping Phase

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Following is a draft list of topics the Department is considering for the strategic analysis. Please provide feedback on any of the topics below and/or describe additional topics that should be evaluated.

- Historic and current distribution
- Cultural and spiritual significance
- Gathering rights preserved in the 1837 and 1842 Treaties & the Wild Rice Stipulation Agreement
- Biological, water quality, and recreational significance
- Identification of the range of DNR actions that potentially affect wild rice
- Management of other species that impact rice (beaver, carp, aquatic plants, etc.)
- Tribal consultation and coordination
- Water quality standards related to wild rice associated with different forms of development
- Statewide inventory efforts and the definition of wild rice waters/habitat
- Human recreational harvest and food (subsistence) importance
- Wild rice harvest regulations, monitoring, and trends
- Factors that affect the growth of wild rice
- Genetic threats
- Competing recreational uses of wild rice waters
- Considerations for seeding & restoring wild rice beds
- Wild rice characteristics and issues unique to streams, rivers, and flowages
- Statewide differences in wild rice characteristics and issues
- Role of other state agencies as well as tribal, federal, county, and local governments
- Summary of wild rice monitoring, management, and water quality standards in other states
- Wild rice management issues considering long term environmental trends
- Potential areas of research to support wild rice management decisions