

2023 FDL Reservation Manoominikewin (wild rice harvest) Notice

The Wild Rice Committee would like to remind all harvesters to respect the gift we have been given. Please avoid areas of green rice, knock with respect, and to think of those who come after you as those who came before you did.

Wild rice harvest will begin on Saturday, 9/2/2023

- For the first week following the opening of harvest, ricing will be every day beginning Wednesday,9/6/23
- For the first week harvest hours are **9AM-3PM**. Harvest limited to Band members, their spouses and “Other Indians” as defined in the FDL Conservation Code.
- For the second week of harvest hours are **9AM-SUNSET**. Band members may bring a non-Band member guest ricing. The non-Band member guests will be required to possess a State of MN or their respective tribe’s manoomin harvesting license.
- In the event of significant rain harvest will be prohibited.
- Lake Condition
Aatawemegokokaaning (Perch Lake)- Excellent
Chi-awasonigaming (Rice Portage Lake)-Excellent
Zhaaganaashiins Odabiwining (Deadfish Lake)- Excellent (some areas of low water)
Naawonigami-zaaga’igan (Mid Portage Lake aka Jaskari Lake)-Closed for the year
Mashkiigwaagamaag (Mud Lake)- Fair (some areas of low water and thinner rice)

Please remember life jackets are required for each harvester.

Fond du Lac Natural Resources staff will be purchasing fresh green rice daily from both on and off Reservation waters for \$6/pound. Natural Resources staff will be available from 12-5PM at the Natural Resources garage to weigh, inspect and issue payment vouchers. Payouts are done at the John A. Smith Memorial Building (formerly known as the FDL Resource Management Building). Fond du Lac Band will be purchasing seed from all willing harvesters with a daily limit of 400 pounds per individual.

