

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 3280, the first engrossment, as follows:

1.2 Page 5, delete section 9, and insert:

1.3 "Sec. 9. **APPROPRIATION; WILD RICE REPORT.**

1.4 (a) \$50,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the heritage enhancement account  
1.5 in the game and fish fund to the commissioner of natural resources to prepare a report on  
1.6 the actions necessary to protect, restore, and enhance the naturally occurring wild rice in  
1.7 the public waters of Minnesota. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June  
1.8 30, 2019.

1.9 (b) The commissioner of natural resources must convene a work group consisting of  
1.10 state, tribal, and public experts familiar with the agronomy and hydrology that supports  
1.11 naturally occurring wild rice. The work group's purpose is to advise the commissioner in  
1.12 the preparation of a report on wild rice.

1.13 (c) The commissioner of natural resources must submit a report to the state's tribal  
1.14 governments and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees  
1.15 and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources by January 15, 2019,  
1.16 that:

1.17 (1) provides recommendations on actions necessary to preserve and improve the health  
1.18 of existing natural wild rice beds;

1.19 (2) includes recommendations on monitoring the effectiveness of restoration and  
1.20 protection activities;

1.21 (3) identifies best management practices for natural wild rice protection and restoration  
1.22 and recommendations for expanding the use of effective best management practices; and

1.23 (4) identifies areas in which to implement the best management practices.

1.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."