

2017 On Reservation Manoominikewin (wild rice harvest) Information

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.

All lakes are in fair to good condition as far as plant density and height are concerned at this time.

- **Wild rice harvest will begin Saturday, September 2**
- The first two days open to harvest will be for “subsistence” ricing. The Band will not be purchasing wild rice from individuals on the first two days.
- For the first ten days following the opening of harvest, ricing will be every other day.
- For the first week harvest will be allowed from 10AM-2PM
- For the second week harvest will be allowed from 9AM-3PM.
- Chi-aya’aa eta go Manoominikeng (Elders’ Lake)- Zhaaganaashiins Odabiwining (Deadfish Lake) will be reserved for parties composed of at least one individual that is 55 or older. This designation will last for the first two weeks of harvest.
- Boat limits-
 - Aatawemegokokaaning** (Perch Lake)- 20
 - Chi-awasonigaming** (Rice Portage Lake)- 40
 - Zhaaganaashiins Odabiwining** (Deadfish Lake)- 25
 - Naawonigami-zaaga’igan** (Mid Portage Lake aka Jaskari Lake)- 5
 - Mashkiigwaagamaag** (Mud Lake)- 15
- All other waterbodies within the Fond du Lac Reservation with wild rice are subject to the above hourly and daily restrictions. No purchase of wild rice will be made at any other waterbodies other than those explicitly listed above with a boat limit.
- The 5 lakes listed above are off limits to waterfowl hunting at all times during the first three weeks of harvest. This prohibition is meant to minimize the amount of boat traffic through the wild rice beds. The lakes are open to waterfowl hunting during non-ricing hours following the third week of harvest, and maintain that schedule until the general wild rice harvest is completed for the year.

Eligibility to harvest from On Reservation Lakes

- Fond du Lac Band Members
- “Other Indians” as defined in the Fond du Lac Conservation Code “any Indian who is an enrolled member of any federally recognized tribe and is a permanent resident of the Fond du Lac Reservation”.
- Spouses of Fond du Lac Band Members that reside on the Reservation. A special landing access permit must be obtained from FDL Conservation.