1 Introduction to Mural

Zoom in/out

1. Scroll forward on mouse roller.
2. Click on +/- bar in "zoom settings" at lower right corner of this Mural.

Try zooming in on the yellow circle until you can read what it says...

Move around

There are two cursor settings in Mural "Arrow" and "hand". Both help you move around Mural.

- **Arrow** setting: your cursor looks like an arrow.
This setting lets you move items we haven't locked down by clicking on it, dragging it to a new spot, and releasing it. Try this: Make a note, drag it to a new spot, and delete the note when you are finished.

- **Hand** setting is found to the bottom right of this Mural.
Clicking on the hand turns your arrow cursor into a hand.
It works the way you'd navigate around a map in Google Maps. This setting is useful when you want to move to a different area of the Mural. It also keeps you from moving individual items around by mistake.
To switch back to Arrow setting, click on the hand again.

Good morning!

Good morning

Good morning

Aaniin

Give both a try!

Add "sticky" note

1. Double click where you want the note to appear.
2. Resize note by dragging out the corner.
3. Change color: Look for colored square in pop-up menu that is visible when you have clicked on a note.
4. Write something on your note. If you leave your note, double click on it to write.
   (Click in once more if you don't want to overwrite what is already there.)

2 Practice using Mural

What you will do today:
- Move around the Mural
- Move objects
- Type onto sticky notes

Practice space

Voting stickers

AF GK NOI KP SG GW

Which of these drinks do you like best in winter?

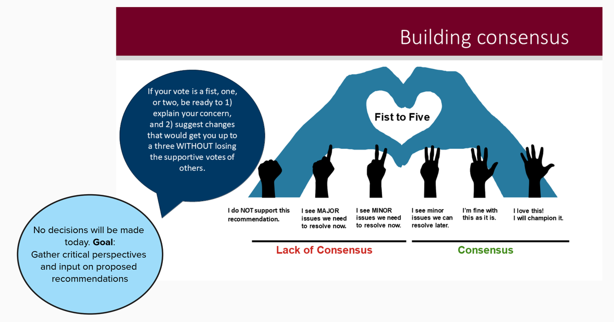
Vote by dragging the sticker with your initials over to the box with your favorite.

Coffee | Tea | Hot chocolate | Egg nog | Mulled cider | Mulled wine | Hot toddy | Something cold

What is your favorite winter beverage?

Double-click to add a sticky note, and type in your favorite

3 Fist to Five: Consensus Check on Draft Recommendations



4 Sharing your perspectives and input

Duty 3 Recommendations (Statutes and Rules)

(3) develop recommendations for science-based, including traditional ecological knowledge, foraging guidelines for state lands that balance public access and foraging opportunities with conservation needs. The **recommendations must** be in the form of **draft statutory** or **rule language** and must be consistent with Indigenous and other cultural practices and traditions;

1. Define "non-commercial personal and/or community use"

Foraging/harvesting for "non-commercial personal or community use" means plant collecting as part of a non-business activity, without profit motive.

The purpose of "non-commercial personal or community use" harvesting/foraging includes:

- Personal or household consumption,
- Gifting or barter with family, friends, or community members for consumption or ceremonial, cultural, or medicinal purposes.

Foraging/harvesting guidelines for "non-commercial personal or community use" on state lands should consider/be informed by Traditional Ecological Knowledge, Honorable Harvest practices, and regenerative harvesting methods.

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			PM KB BH RM GK LS MW DS IS DG AG GW NOI		
			wild food and medicine\ plant; sharing instead of barter		

Drag your sticker to vote in this row. No "line" voting!

If you vote in the first three columns, add a note to:
1. explain your concern and
2. suggest revisions that would get you up to "live with" status WITHOUT losing the supportive votes of others.

If you vote in the other columns, your comments are welcome.

2. Develop a new statute and rules that allows harvesting/foraging of plants on DNR managed state lands for non-commercial personal and community use

Direct staff to draft bill language that allow foraging of plants in DNR administered property (excluding SNAs) for personal, noncommercial use
- bill allows DNR to create a protected species list that require a permit to harvest
- bill does not touch on wild rice laws or wild ginseng laws
- bill does not allow uprooting of plants (no harvesting roots, e.g.)

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3. Modify Minnesota Administrative Rules Chapter 6100, Outdoor Recreation

The purpose of Chapter 6100, parts 6100.0100 to 6100.2400, is to regulate public use and promote public enjoyment of state parks and forest lands in ways that will leave them unimpaired and minimize conflicts among users. The following changes are recommended to 6100.0900 Environmental Protection:

- Subpart 1. Generally. Unless otherwise provided by law, no person in a state park or forest recreation area shall disturb, destroy, injure, damage, deface, molest, or remove any state property, including, but not limited to, ~~wildflowers or vegetation of any kind dead or alive~~, ruins, wild animals, geological formations, historical or archaeological artifacts or sites, historic structures, signs, or facilities, except ~~edible fruit, mushrooms~~, legally taken wild animals, and for harvesting/foraging for non-commercial personal or community use ~~vegetation unavoidably damaged or destroyed by the ordinary recreational uses of these areas as specifically permitted by parts 6100.0100 to 6100.2400~~. Collections for scientific and educational purposes may be made only with the written permission of the commissioner. It is unlawful to damage vegetation or damage and deface rock formations with rock-climbing equipment.
- Subpart 2. E. Collecting or possessing naturally occurring plants in a fresh state in state parks is ~~prohibited~~ allowed, ~~except that edible fruit and mushrooms~~ and may be harvested for ~~personal~~, noncommercial personal or community use. Select plant species are protected and require a permit to harvest. Some plant species are endangered, threatened, or of special concern and are prohibited entirely as defined in Minnesota Administrative Rules, Chapter 6134.0300 and 6134.0400.

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4. Modify Minnesota Administrative Rules Chapter 6230, Wildlife Management

Chapter 6230 outlines Minnesota Administrative Rules for wildlife management. The following changes are recommended to 6230.0250 General provision for use of wildlife management areas:

- Subp. 4. **Compatible uses and exceptions.** Wildlife management areas may be used for wildlife observation, sport fishing, harvesting/foraging for noncommercial personal or community use, hiking, snowshoeing, and other resource-related uses if the uses are not inconsistent with parts 6230.0250 to 6230.0270. Exceptions to this part for specific wildlife management areas are provided by parts 6230.0100 and 6230.0200. Select plant species are protected and require a permit to harvest. Some plant species are endangered, threatened, or of special concern and are prohibited entirely. See Minnesota Administrative Rules, Chapter 6134.0300 and 6134.0400.
- Review other administrative rules within Chapter 6230 to ensure alignment with other foraging/harvesting permissions. For example, subpart 20 **Destruction or removal of property**.

This recommendation is redundant

First rule is for state Parks and forest lands, second is for WMA

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Duty 4 Recommendations (Public understanding)

(4) develop recommendations for increasing public understanding of sustainable foraging practices that include safety and ecological considerations;

5. Develop education and training of best management practices for harvesting/foraging

- Consider an agreement or partnership with, for example, Tribal Nations, University of Minnesota Extension, or others to offer training or education on foraging. When applicable, apply elements of Minnesota's fishing, hunting, and boating framework to foraging education,
  - Get your Minnesota Boating License Online | BoaterExam
  - DNR Safety Training Classes | Minnesota DNR
- Include the following topics in educational and training materials for foragers and the general public:
  - Uphold tribal sovereignty and distinct treaty rights, including plants species as sacred medicines.
  - Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Honorable Harvest
  - Identify different public land types (state parks, forests, WMAs, SNAs etc.) and what rules apply.
  - Personal physical safety (contamination, pesticide exposure, pollutants, heavy metals)
  - What is or isn't safe to eat (plant misidentification)
  - Reduce spread of invasive or overabundant species, including compliance with Noxious Weed Law.
- Ensure education and training is also available to DNR's conservation officers and other law enforcement staff to reduce misunderstandings of foraging as trespassing, theft, or suspicious behavior.

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6. Use plain language to provide clear and accessible information that makes it easier for the public to understand existing statutes and rules on Minnesota's public lands and waters.

- Add "foraging/harvesting" to the list of activities on: Recreation | Minnesota DNR
- Continue to revise and improve existing state websites on harvesting/foraging plants to ensure alignment and consistency:
  - Harvesting plants (State parks and recreation areas, DNR)
  - Harvesting on state forest lands (Forestry, DNR)
  - Certified Wild Mushroom Harvester (MDA)
  - Harvesting and Selling Wild Mushrooms in Minnesota (MDA)
  - Minnesota Noxious Weed List (MDA)
- Make foraging information available in multiple languages.
- Make foraging information visual by using icons, photos, color-coded symbols to communicate key information, QR codes.

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7. Study foraging and its impacts, including changes to statutes and rules [this would require an appropriation]

- Partner with foragers or foraging groups as a source of data and information by creating an optional online form that foragers can fill out to provide information about what they found, where they found it, and any problems or concerns, particularly related to overharvesting or other damage to the landscape.
- Consider removing foraging restrictions for non-commercial personal or community use on select state parks and wildlife management areas to study foraging and its impacts.
- Consider adding questions to existing licensure systems and surveys to learn more about who forages, what they gather, where, and for what purpose.
- Dedicate funding to collect data and research the ecological, cultural, and economic impacts of foraging in Minnesota.
  - Note: LCCMR is a good source for research funding, including small and emerging projects. Next RFP, Jan 2026 (education/outdoor recreation)
- Develop a research plan for gathering needed information to support rules related to foraging.

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Duty 6 Recommendations (Permits)

(6) develop recommendations for reduced-priced foraging permits.

8. Revise Administrative Rule XXX to allow for the harvest/foraging of plants for non-commercial personal or community use without a permit.

- No permit required for harvesting edible fruits, edible nuts, wild mushrooms, plant shoots, and plant leaves collected by hand for "non-commercial personal or community use".
- Permits required for:
  - Whole plants, tubers, roots
  - Restricted species (similar to how the DNR puts hunting or fishing limits only on specific species)
- Allow local land managers the ability to set additional limits on harvesting/foraging if necessary.
- If beneficial to state DNR land managers, create a process for large special events and organized public activities to register for harvesting/foraging education on state land or public waters.
- Explore permit differences for state residents versus non-residents as is done for hunting and fishing permits.
- If money is collected for foraging permits, dedicate it to investing in foraging resources. For example, the wild rice license fees go back to the account that helps support the management of wild rice.

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9. Improve DNR's existing permit processfor plants on state lands [this would require an appropriation]

Potential improvement include:
- Available online
- Digital payment options
- One online permit for all plants foraged for non-commercial personal or community use, rather than individual permits for each plant or fungi
- Explore reduced costs

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10. Improve DNR's existing permit process for aquatic plants from public waters

- Minnesota Statutes 84.091 Aquatic Vegetation in Public Waters
- Sec. 103G.615 MN Statutes

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Additional recommendations

11. DNR work with Minnesota Department of Agriculture to explore modifications to statute and/or rules to safely transport plants on Minnesota's Noxious Weed List for consumption or medicine

- Should foraging of non-restricted noxious weed/invasive species be:
  - Encouraged as foragers could play a role in rapid detection, early response, and control?
  - Prohibited to prevent spread of seeds/spores?
  - Allowed, with restrictions (perhaps requiring a permit) for harvesting and transport in a manner that reduces risk of spreading?
- Explore revisions to statutes and rules to allow transport of invasive species:
  - Minnesota Statutes Chapter 84D - 84D.01, subd. 16 AND 84D.04, subd. 1(1)
  - Minnesota Noxious Weed List | Minnesota Department of Agriculture
  - Sec. 18.82 MN Statutes
- Wisconsin resources
  - Invasive species rule – NR 40 | INVASIVE SPECIES IDENTIFICATION, CLASSIFICATION AND CONTROL | Wisconsin DNR
  - Wisconsin Invasive Species Council | | Wisconsin DNR
  - Permit information for Chapter NR 40 invasive species | | Wisconsin DNR

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Grab a sticker from here, or double-click to create your own.

12. Establish regular review cycle of foraging statutes and rules

Ecosystems, species populations, and environmental conditions change over time due to climate shifts, land use, and other pressures. Regular review ensures that foraging statutes and rules stay relevant, evidence-based, and responsive to current conditions—supporting both conservation and access goals.

The Department of Natural Resources shall report back its findings on foraging and its impacts to the State Legislature after five years with a report documenting what it has learned about foraging on public lands under the control of the State of Minnesota and to make recommendations on foraging consistent with the information it has obtained and which best promotes foraging as a recreational and cultural activity in lands that it manages for the State of Minnesota.

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13. Moratorium on rules prohibiting foraging

For a period of five years from the effective date of enactment of this Act, the Department of Natural Resources shall not start, commence, or complete any rule making restricting foraging on lands controlled by the State of Minnesota regarding items that are currently permitted to be foraged as described in this statute, except in case of an emergency. [Note: this language will be adjusted to ensure DNR can modify rules as necessary to support changes in this statute.]

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