



# **Sustainable Foraging Task Force**

Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
11:00 AM  
Remote via Zoom  
<https://www.lcc.mn.gov/foraging/>

## **Members Present:**

Senator Susan Pha, Chair  
Representative Roger Skraba  
Kelli Bruns  
Dale Gentry  
Senator Steve Green  
Angela Gupta  
Bradley Harrington  
Greg Kvale  
Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe

Peter Martignacco  
Rebecca Montgomery  
Kristen Poppleton  
Ingrid Schneider  
David Schultz  
Luke Skinner  
Matt Wappler  
Gary Wyatt

## **Members Excused:**

Representative Alex Falconer

## **Meeting Minutes**

Sen. Pha called the meeting of the Sustainable Foraging Task Force to order at 11:02 AM remotely on Zoom. A quorum was not yet present.

## **Introductions**

Members introduced themselves.

A quorum was present at 11:08 AM.

David Schultz moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2025, meeting. Greg Kvale provided a second. A roll call taken.

## **Ayes:**

Senator Susan Pha  
Representative Roger Skraba  
Dale Gentry  
Senator Steve Green  
Angela Gupta  
Bradley Harrington  
Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe

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The motion prevailed and the minutes were approved.

Sen. Pha provided an overview of the Task Force's purpose and duties and walked members through the meeting agenda.

### **Discussion**

Bob Meier, DNR Assistant Commissioner, went over the DNR commissioner's initial concerns regarding draft recommendations particularly as they relate to the DNR's statutory mandate around conservation.

Members discussed staff's developed recommendations:

1. Define "non-commercial personal and/or community use."
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.
3. Modify Minnesota Administrative Rules Chapter 6100, Outdoor Recreation.
4. Modify Minnesota Administrative Rules Chapter 6230, Wildlife Management.
5. Develop education and training of best management practices for harvesting/foraging.
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.
7. Study foraging and its impacts, including changes to statutes and rules [this would require an appropriation].
8. Revise Administrative Rule XXX to allow for the harvest/foraging of plants for non-commercial personal or community use without a permit.
9. Improve DNR's existing permit process for plants on state lands [this would require an appropriation].
10. Improve DNR's existing permit process for aquatic plants from public waters
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.
12. Establish regular review cycle of foraging statutes and rules.
13. Moratorium on rules prohibiting foraging.

Seeing a lack of consensus on several issues, the Task Force discussed scheduling an additional meeting.

### **Public Input**

Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe read a letter from a member of the public.

**Next Steps and Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.