

Appendix H: Meeting Minutes



Sustainable Foraging Task Force

Wednesday, August 20, 2025
12:00 PM
Room G-23, State Capitol
<https://www.lcc.mn.gov/foraging/>

Members Present:

Senator Susan Pha, Chair
Representative Roger Skraba, Vice Chair
Kelli Brun
Representative Alex Falconer
Senator Steve Green
Angie Gupta
Bradley Harrington

Greg Kvale
Peter Martignacco
Kristen Poppleton
David Schultz
Luke Skinner
Matt Wappler
Gary Wyatt
Ingrid Schneider

Members Excused:

Dale Gentry

Meeting Minutes

Sen. Pha, designated convener, called the meeting of the Student Attendance and Truancy Legislative Study Group to order at 12:01 PM in Room G-23 of the State Capitol. A quorum was present.

Welcome, purpose, agenda

Sen. Pha walked members through the purpose of the task force. Stephanie Klein, a facilitator from Management Analysis and Development (MAD), introduced herself. Nick Nero, research analyst with the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC), introduced himself.

Introductions

Members of the Task Force introduced themselves.

Election of Chair

Peter Martignacco nominated Sen. Pha to chair the Sustainable Foraging Task Force. Sen. Green nominated Rep. Skraba to be the vice chair of the Task Force. A roll call was taken.

Ayes:

Senator Susan Pha
Representative Roger Skraba

Kelli Brun
Representative Alex Falconer

Senator Steve Green
Angie Gupta
Bradley Harrington
Greg Kvale
Peter Martignacco

Kirsten Poppleton
David Schultz
Luke Skinner
Matt Wappler
Gary Wyatt

The motion prevailed and Sen. Pha was elected chair and Rep. Skraba was elected vice chair.

Legislation and Open Meeting Law

Nick Nero, LCC Research Analyst, provided an overview of the statute creating the Sustainable Foraging Task Force and Minnesota's Open Meeting Law.

Administrative Topics

The Task Force discussed the format and timing for future meetings. Stephanie Klein covered potential operating agreements for the Task Force.

Task Force Member Responsibilities

Stephanie Klein, MAD facilitator, went over expectations for members.

Background Information

Jessica Thiel, Forestry Division Planner at the DNR, provided a presentation on foraging regulations on state lands.

Next Steps and Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:54 PM.



Sustainable Foraging Task Force

Tuesday, September 9, 2025
10:00 AM
Room G-23, State Capitol
<https://www.lcc.mn.gov/foraging/>

Members Present:

Senator Susan Pha, Chair
Representative Roger Skraba, Vice Chair
Kelli Bruns
Representative Alex Falconer
Dale Gentry
Senator Steve Green
Bradley Harrington
Greg Kvale

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

Members Excused:

Angela Gupta

Meeting Minutes

Sen. Pha called the meeting of the Sustainable Foraging Task Force to order at 10:03 AM in Room G-23 of the State Capitol. A quorum was present.

Welcome and purpose

David Schultz moved to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2025, meeting. A roll call was taken.

Ayes:

Senator Susan Pha
Representative Roger Skraba
Kelli Bruns
Senator Steve Green
Greg Kvale
Peter Martignacco

Kristen Poppleton
Ingrid Schneider
David Schultz
Matt Wappler
Gary Wyatt

The motion prevailed and the minutes were approved.

Sen. Pha went over the purpose of the Task Force.

Agenda and Introductions

Sen. Pha went over the agenda for the meeting. Members introduced themselves.

Administrative Topics

Stephanie Klein, MAD, covered future MAD interviews, the schedule for additional meetings, and the possibility of a future meeting at a state park.

Presentation: Minnesota Statutes, Regulations, and Rules.

Nick Nero, LCC Research Analyst, provided an overview of the statutes and regulations related to foraging.

Discussion: Scope of Task Force

The Task Force discussed which topics in Minnesota law and regulations should be further studied and discussed at future meetings.

Presentation: Other States' Statutes, Regulations, and Rules.

Nick Nero, LCC Research Analyst, provided an overview of the statutes and regulations related to foraging in other U.S. states.

Upcoming Topics

The Task Force discussed which topics should be covered at future meetings.

Next Steps and Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM.



Sustainable Foraging Task Force

Tuesday, October 8, 2025
12:00 PM
Room G-23, State Capitol
<https://www.lcc.mn.gov/foraging/>

Members Present:

Senator Susan Pha, Chair
Representative Roger Skraba, Vice Chair
Kelli Bruns
Representative Alex Falconer
Dale Gentry
Senator Steve Green
Angela Gupta
Peter Martignacco
Ingrid Schneider
Matt Wrappler
Gary Wyatt
Luke Skinner

Members Excused:

Bradley Harrington
Greg Kvale
Rebecca Montgomery
Kristen Poppleton
David Schultz

Meeting Minutes

Sen. Pha called the meeting of the Sustainable Foraging Task Force to order at 12:02 PM in Room G-23 of the State Capitol. A quorum was not yet present.

Welcome and purpose

Sen. Pha reviewed the purpose and duties of the Task Force.

A quorum was present at 12:06 PM. Senator Green moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2025, meeting minutes. Gary Wyatt provided a second. A roll call was taken.

Ayes:

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| Senator Susan Pha | Kelli Bruns |
| Representative Roger Skraba | Representative Alex Falconer |

Dale Gentry
Senator Steve Green
Angela Gupta
Peter Martignacco

Ingrid Schneider
Luke Skinner
Matt Wappler
Gary Wyatt

The motion prevailed and the minutes were approved.

Agenda and Introductions

Sen. Pha went over the agenda for the meeting. Members introduced themselves.

Administrative Topics

Jennifer Hawkins, MAD, covered the Task Force member interview results.

Sen. Pha reviewed the Task Force charter. Peter Martignacco moved to adopt the Task Force charter. Angela Gupta provided a second. A roll call was taken.

Ayes:

Senator Susan Pha
Representative Roger Skraba
Kelli Bruns
Representative Alex Falconer
Dale Gentry
Senator Steve Green
Angela Gupta
Peter Martignacco
Ingrid Schneider
Luke Skinner
Matt Wappler
Gary Wyatt

Presentations

John Waters, Government Relations Supervisor with the DNR, provided a presentation on background information of the Department of Natural Resources and foraging on State Lands.

Nick Nero, LCC, gave an overview on Minnesota foraging rules and history.

Discussion: Scope of Task Force

Jennifer Hawkins, MAD, reviewed the Scope of the Task Force and facilitated a fist to five vote on items identified as in or out of scope.

Upcoming Topics

Sen. Pha discussed next steps involving a field trip and listening sessions in the coming days.

Next Steps and Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.



Sustainable Foraging Task Force

Tuesday, October 21, 2025
10:00 AM
Room G-23, State Capitol
<https://www.lcc.mn.gov/foraging/>

Members Present:

Senator Susan Pha, Chair
Kelli Bruns
Dale Gentry
Senator Steve Green
Bradley Harrington
Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe
Greg Kvale

Peter Martignacco
Rebecca Montgomery
Ingrid Scheider
David Schultz
Luke Skinner
Matt Wappler
Gary Wyatt

Members Excused:

Representative Roger Skraba
Representative Alex Falconer
Angela Gupta
Kristen Poppleton

Meeting Minutes

Sen. Pha called the meeting of the Sustainable Foraging Task Force to order at 10:06 AM in Room G-23 of the State Capitol. A quorum was present.

Welcome and purpose

Senator Green moved to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2025, meeting minutes. A roll call was taken.

Ayes:

Senator Susan Pha
Kelli Bruns
Senator Steve Green
Bradley Harrington
Greg Kvale

Peter Martignacco
Rebecca Montgomery
Ingrid Scheider
Luke Skinner
Matt Wappler

The motion prevailed and the minutes were approved.

Sen. Pha reviewed the purpose and duties of the Task Force.

Agenda and Introductions

Sen. Pha went over the agenda for the meeting.
Members introduced themselves.

Presentations

Panelists Tim Clemens, Samuel Thayer, Luke Black Elk, and Maria Wesserle shared about their roles and relationship to foraging, followed by discussion where members asked them questions.

Discussion

Senator Pha provided a summary of the Fort Snelling State Park tour held on October 20, 2025, followed by a discussion in which members shared their reflections of the tour including the opening words by Doreen Hagen, an elder from the Prairie Island Indian Community.

Upcoming Topics

Sen. Pha discussed next steps involving several listening sessions in the coming days.

Public Input

Sen. Pha welcomed public participants to share their testimony.
Jaime Rockney provided a testimony to the Task Force.

Next Steps and Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:03



Sustainable Foraging Task Force

Tuesday, November 18th, 2025
10:00 AM
Room G-23, State Capitol
<https://www.lcc.mn.gov/foraging/>

Members Present:

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

Greg Kvale
Peter Martignacco
Rebecca Montgomery
Ingrid Schneider
David Schultz
Luke Skinner
Matt Wappler
Gary Wyatt

Members Excused:

Representative Alex Falconer
Kristen Poppleton

Meeting Minutes

Sen. Pha called the meeting of the Sustainable Foraging Task Force to order at 10:02 AM in Room G-23 of the State Capitol. A quorum was present.

Welcome and purpose

Representative Skraba moved to approve the minutes of the October 21st, 2025, meeting. Peter Martignacco provided a second. A roll call taken.

Ayes:

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| Senator Susan Pha | Bradley Harrington |
| Representative Skraba | Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe |
| Kelli Bruns | Peter Martignacco |
| Dale Gentry | Rebecca Montgomery |
| Senator Steve Green | Luke Skinner |
| Angela Gupta | Matt Wappler |
| Bradley Harrington | |

The motion prevailed and the minutes were approved.

Sen. Pha reviewed the purpose and duties of the Task Force.

Agenda and Introductions

Sen. Pha went over the agenda for the meeting.

Members introduced themselves.

Presentations

JJ Williams, Parks Manager with Washington County Parks, gave a presentation on Washington County Park's current foraging process within their parks.

Matt Zine, Conservation Biologist with the Wisconsin DNR, gave a presentation on the State's Natural Areas Program.

Discussion

Nick Nero, Research Analyst, provided members with information regarding the DNR's response to the Task Force.

Recommendations Discussion

Sen. Pha presented the recommendations compiled from recent meetings for review and discussion by the other members.

Next Steps

Sen. Pha discussed the next meeting date and information regarding possibly scheduling another public listening session.

Public Input

Dale Erickson gave a testimony during the public input session.

Samantha Gabriel gave a testimony during the public input session.

Next Steps and Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05pm.



Sustainable Foraging Task Force

Tuesday, December 2nd, 2025
10:00 AM
Room G-23, State Capitol
<https://www.lcc.mn.gov/foraging/>

Members Present:

Senator Susan Pha, Chair
Kelli Bruns
Dale Gentry
Senator Steve Green
Angela Gupta
Bradley Harrington
Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe

Greg Kvale
Peter Martignacco
Rebecca Montgomery
Ingrid Schneider
David Schultz
Luke Skinner
Gary Wyatt

Members Excused:

Representative Alex Falconer
Kristen Poppleton
Representative Roger Skraba
Matt Wappler

Meeting Minutes

Sen. Pha called the meeting of the Sustainable Foraging Task Force to order at 10:01 AM in Room G-23 of the State Capitol. A quorum was not yet present.

Welcome and purpose

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

A quorum was present at 10:08 AM.

David Shultz moved to approve the minutes of the November 18th 2025, meeting. Greg Kvale provided a second. A roll call taken.

Ayes:

Senator Susan Pha
Dale Gentry
Senator Steve Green
Bradley Harrington
Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe
Greg Kvale
Peter Martignacco

Rebecca Montgomery
Ingrid Schneider
David Schultz
Luke Skinner
Gary Wyatt

The motion prevailed and the minutes were approved.

Introductions

Members introduced themselves.

Presentations

Nick Nero, Research Analyst, provided members with information regarding the DNR's follow up response to the Task Force.

John Waters, Supervisor of the DNR Government Relations Unit, presented additional information to the Task Force regarding foraging-related citations and warnings.

Discussion

Members shared reflections and identified key insights from the listening sessions.

Recommendations Discussion

Sen. Pha presented the recommendations compiled from recent meetings for review and discussion by the other members.

Next Steps

Sen. Pha discussed the next meeting date and public listening sessions.

Next Steps and Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:11 PM.



Sustainable Foraging Task Force

Tuesday, December 16th, 2025
10:00 AM
Remote via Zoom
<https://www.lcc.mn.gov/foraging/>

Members Present:

Senator Susan Pha, Chair
Kelli Bruns
Senator Steve Green
Angela Gupta
Bradley Harrington
Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe
Greg Kvale

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

Members Excused:

Representative Alex Falconer
Dale Gentry
Angela Gupta
Kristen Poppleton
Representative Roger Skraba

Meeting Minutes

Sen. Pha called the meeting of the Sustainable Foraging Task Force to order at 10:02 AM remotely on Zoom. A quorum was not yet present.

Introductions

Members introduced themselves.

A quorum was present at 10:04 AM.

Luke Skinner moved to approve the minutes of the December 2nd 2025, meeting. Peter Martignacco provided a second. A roll call taken.

Ayes:

Senator Susan Pha
Kelli Bruns
Senator Steve Green
Angela Gupta

Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe
Greg Kvale
Peter Martignacco
Rebecca Montgomery
Ingrid Schneider
Luke Skinner
Matt Wappler

The motion prevailed and the minutes were approved.

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

Discussion

Jennifer Hawkins, Senior Management Consultant with Minnesota Management and Budget, presented an overview of the two most recent listening sessions and discussed the key themes identified across those sessions.

Senator Pha provided reflections on her experience at the MIAC meeting.

Mural

Stephanie Klein, Senior Management Consultant with Minnesota Management and Budget, facilitated a briefing on Mural and explained its application for members.

Members engaged in discussion of recommendations using the Mural platform.

Public Input

Kelsey Myhre gave a public testimony during the public input session.

Next Steps and Adjourn

Senator Pha reviewed the proposed date and outlined the framework for the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:03 PM.



Sustainable Foraging Task Force

Tuesday, January 6th, 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

Greg Kvale
Peter Martignacco
Kristen Poppleton
Ingrid Schneider
David Schultz
Luke Skinner
Gary Wyatt

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.



Sustainable Foraging Task Force

Wednesday, January 14th, 2026
11:00 AM
Remote via Zoom
<https://www.lcc.mn.gov/foraging/>

Members Present:

Senator Susan Pha, Chair
Kelli Bruns
Senator Steve Green
Angela Gupta
Bradley Harrington
Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe
Greg Kvale

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

Members Excused:

Representative Alex Falconer
Dale Gentry
Representative Roger Skraba
Kristen Poppleton

Meeting Minutes

Sen. Pha called the meeting of the Sustainable Foraging Task Force to order at 11:01 AM remotely on Zoom. A quorum was present.

Discussion

Members discussed staff's revised recommendations (summarized below):

1. The Task Force recommends the following definitions for non-commercial use, commercial use, honorable harvest, and non-timber forest products related to foraging/harvesting guidelines.
 - a. **Non-Commercial Personal Use** - Foraging/harvesting for “non-commercial personal use” means collecting the following as part of a non-business activity, without profit motive.
 - i. This includes harvesting/foraging for:
 1. Personal or household consumption, ceremonial, cultural, or medicinal purposes

2. Gifting or sharing with family, friends, or community members for consumption or ceremonial, cultural, or medicinal purposes.
 - b. **Commercial Use** - Harvesting/foraging by individual or any entity that is required to register as doing business in Minnesota and/or foraging/harvesting with a profit motive.
 - c. **Honorable Harvest** - Foraging/harvesting guidelines for “non-commercial personal use” on state lands and public waters should be informed by Traditional Ecological Knowledge, including regenerative harvesting methods, and honorable harvest practices.
 - i. The ethic of the Honorable Harvest is a way of being in relationship with the living world. As Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer explains the honorable harvest is grounded in respect, reciprocity, and reverence and is guided by protocols that many Indigenous cultures have known and practiced for generations:
 1. *“Ask permission of the ones whose lives you seek. Abide by the answer.
Never take the first. Never take the last.
Harvest in a way that minimizes harm.
Take only what you need and leave some for others.
Use everything that you take.
Take only that which is given to you.
Share it, as the Earth has shared with you.
Be grateful.”*
 - d. **Harvestable items include:**
 - i. Seeds,
 - ii. Berries,
 - iii. Nuts,
 - iv. Flowers, leaves, shoots and roots of herbaceous and woody plants, and *[note: roots not removed from this bullet]*
 - v. Fungi.
2. The Task Force recommends the creation of a new statute that codifies harvesting/foraging activity as allowable activities on all DNR managed state lands and public waters making up the outdoor recreation system outlined within Chapter 86A.05, including School Trust lands and excluding state scientific and natural areas (SNAs) (subdivision 5).
 - a. No permit shall be required to harvest/forage for non-timber forest products for personal use including:

- i. Seeds,
 - ii. Berries,
 - iii. Nuts,
 - iv. Flowers, leaves, and shoots of herbaceous and woody plants, and
 - v. Fungi.
 - b. The new statute would also include language that:
 - i. Does not allow uprooting of whole plants (no harvesting roots for example), except by permit.
 - ii. Allows DNR to create a list of species that are limited, prohibited from harvest or would require a permit to harvest, based on documented evidence such as known conservation risks.
 - iii. Does not touch on existing wild rice laws, wild ginseng laws, or wildflower laws ([18H.18](#))
 - iv. Recognizes Minnesota Statutes 10.65 outlining the State of Minnesota’s relationship and responsibility with Tribal governments.
 - v. Retains compliance with federal nexus in regard to PRDJ (Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson) funding
 - c. The task force acknowledges the sensitivity of state parks and recognizes the importance of protecting these lands for current and future generations. The task force believes that, through education, regenerative harvesting methods, and honorable harvest practices—harvesting can occur without negatively impacting state park resources. The task force recognizes and supports the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources’ authority to identify and designate specific areas within state parks where foraging or harvesting is restricted or prohibited due to land restoration activities, plant surveys, maintenance needs, or management practices such as controlled burns.
 - d. The statutory language should acknowledge harvesting/foraging for personal non-commercial use as a legitimate recreational and cultural activity in all state parks and forests and a right that has been included in the Minnesota Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights.
- 3. The task force recommends *a direct appropriation to the DNR to support the development of foraging/harvesting training and education for the public* through a collaborative approach with partners that leverages varied expertise and strengths.
 - a. For example, the University of Minnesota Extensions brings an extensive research base and expertise in adult learning and Tribal Nations bring a depth of understanding of Traditional Ecological Knowledge, including Honorable Harvest practices and expertise in Minnesota Statutes

10.65. Additional partners who may provide input into the development of education and training include: the Minnesota Mycological Society, Herbalist Society, Minnesota Foraging Alliance, Back Country Hunters and Anglers, and Minnesota Conservation Federation.

- b. The task force recommends the DNR develop a request for proposals that requires harvesting/foraging education and training to include the following topics:
 - i. Review of existing state statutes and administrative rules, including when permits are required.
 - ii. Cultural and community considerations: Tribal sovereignty and distinct treaty rights, including plants species as sacred medicines.
 - iii. Honorable Harvest practices and regenerative harvesting methods in alignment with Traditional Ecological Knowledge: how harvesting affects biodiversity and soil health, seasonal considerations,
 - iv. Identification of public land types and what rules apply.
 - v. Personal physical safety: tick exposure, contamination exposure, gear, safe use of knives and digging tools, first aid, and emergency protocols.
 - vi. Plant identification basics: How to positively identify edible and medicinal plants and fungi (and avoid look-alikes)
 - vii. Reduce spread of invasive or overabundant species, including compliance with Noxious Weed Law.
 - c. The task force also recommends the DNR develop and execute an internal communication plan to provide consistent information and messages across DNR's many divisions regarding the new and revised statutes and rules. Intentional and robust dissemination will ensure consistent implementation across public lands managed by DNR and reduce misunderstandings of foraging/harvesting as trespassing, theft, or suspicious behavior.
4. The Task Force recommends the use of plain language to provide clear and accessible information that makes it easier for the public to understand existing statutes and rules related to harvesting/foraging on lands managed by Minnesota's Department of Natural Resources.
- a. A persistent theme that emerged during task force meetings and public listening sessions was the lack of clear and accessible information on foraging/harvesting available on State of Minnesota websites. Public resources on foraging/harvesting should be available in multiple languages and when possible, should be visual by using icons, photos, and/or color-

coded symbols or QR codes to communicate key information. The task force recognizes the DNR is committed to this effort and has already made concerted efforts to improve its public websites and additional funding from the Minnesota legislature is needed to continue this effort.

- b. The task force recommends the DNR continue to make it easier for the public to understand what is and is not allowed on different public land types and that the language used be consistent. The task force recommends a single page on harvesting/foraging instead of multiple pages by different land type as it is confusing for the public to decipher the differences that matter. For example, deciphering these two DNR websites presents its challenges:
 - i. [Harvesting plants](#) (State parks and recreation areas, DNR)
 - ii. [Harvesting on state forest lands](#) (Forestry, DNR)
 - c. The task force also recommends the DNR partner with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to ensure alignment and consistency of language and necessary cross linking of webpages on this topic, especially related to: [Certified Wild Mushroom Harvester](#), [Harvesting and Selling Wild Mushrooms in Minnesota](#), and [Minnesota Noxious Weed List](#).
5. The Task Force recommends the proactive study of foraging/harvesting and its impacts in Minnesota, including outcomes of changes to statutes and rules.
- a. The Sustainable Foraging Task Force recommends that the Minnesota Legislature provide a direct appropriation to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to support data collection, monitoring, and research on the ecological, cultural, and economic impacts of foraging and harvesting in Minnesota. This research should include an evaluation of statutory and rule changes resulting from the task force's work and related legislation, including ripple effects on conservation outcomes, public access, stewardship practices, and community engagement. The task force further recommends that the DNR seek additional funding for this purpose, including through the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources.
 - b. The task force recommends the DNR also explore adding specific harvest/foraging questions to existing licensure systems and surveys to learn more about who forages/harvests, what they gather, where, and for what purpose.
 - c. The task force encourages the DNR to partner with foragers/harvesters and organized groups that support these activities as a critical source of data and information that supports research, conservation, and sustainable land and water management., for example by creating an optional online form for people to share observations and experiences related to foraging and harvesting activities. Harvesters can share species present, habitat conditions, concerns or challenges.

- d. The task force emphasizes a focus on education and research, and not used for enforcement or regulatory compliance. Data collected through these partnerships should be aggregated and used to inform policy development, conservation strategies, public guidance, and scientific study.
 - e. The task force recommends that the DNR catalog and track the use and cost of herbicides and pesticides on all DNR-managed state lands and public waters to support evidence-based evaluation of land management practices over time. This information should be used for research, observation, and policy analysis.
 - f. The task force supports strong protections against pesticide and toxic chemical use where such use threatens ecological health, Indigenous food systems, or public safety, while also recognizing that targeted herbicide use remains an important tool in invasive species management. The task force encourages a balanced, science-based approach that avoids blanket bans, allows chemical-specific restrictions where appropriate, and prioritizes integrated management practices that include stewardship, prevention, and least-toxic alternatives.
6. The task force recommends the DNR improve its existing permit processes, including the forestry special product permit and the aquatic plant management permit. The DNR recognizes the current systems must be improved and streamlined and that additional financial resources will be required to execute this work.
- a. The task force recommends that for harvestable items, permits would only be required for collection of:
 - i. Whole plants, tubers, roots
 - ii. Plants on DNR's species list (defined in recommendation 2) for which harvesting is limited based on documented evidence such as known conservation risks.
 - b. The task force recommends a single permit, not separate permits for individual species harvested/foraged.
 - c. In development of a protected/limited species list, the DNR should not make restrictions that are broad or preemptive without research and evidence. The task force supports *local DNR land managers* having the authority to set additional limits on harvesting/foraging based on evidence and known conservation risks when applicable to specific geographies. The DNR may use a similar approach in developing this protected species list as it does now hunting or fishing limits on specific species.
 - d. The task force recommends the following improvements to the existing permit processes:
 - i. Make the permits available online.
 - ii. Accept electronic payments, in addition to check or money order.

- iii. If beneficial to state DNR land managers, include a pathway for large special events and organized public activities to register for harvesting/foraging education on state lands or public waters.
 - iv. Explore permit differences for state residents versus non-residents as is done for hunting and fishing permits.
 - v. If money is collected for foraging/harvesting 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.
 - e. The task force recognizes that focused effort and additional internal DNR consultation will be required to improve the existing aquatic plant management permit. For example, careful planning will be required to ensure harvest of aquatic plants from invested waters are not allowed due to the potential transport of invasive species.
7. The task force recommends the DNR engage with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, the Minnesota Noxious Weed Advisory Committee, and select members of this taskforce, to begin discussions about the potential modification of existing statutes and rules to allow for *harvesting/foraging* of certain noxious weeds / invasive species.
- a. The task force recognizes that when done responsibly with best management practices focused on safe harvest, handling, transport, and disposal, public harvesting of certain noxious weeds and invasive plant species for food, medicine, or cultural use can contribute directly to plant management and control efforts. We can use community stewardship as one of many complementary tools in Minnesota's invasive species strategy.
8. The task force recommends the DNR establish mechanism for regular engagement with harvesting/foraging stakeholders to maintain open lines of communication. The DNR may do this through, for example, an annual town hall or the creation of an outdoor recreation advisory council that meets at regular intervals during the year. The task force recommends this action as it recognizes that ecosystems, species populations, and environmental conditions are continually changing due to climate shifts, land use, and other pressures. Regular engagement with harvesting/foraging stakeholders helps ensure that foraging statutes and rules stay relevant, evidence-based, and responsive to current conditions—supporting both conservation and access goals.
- a. In addition, this regular engagement provides an opportunity for the DNR to report back specifically on findings from recommendation 6 focused on studying the ecological, cultural, and economic impacts of foraging/harvesting in Minnesota, including the ripple effects of changes to statutes and rules made because of the task force's work.

9. The taskforce recognizes that statutory changes expanding foraging and harvesting access require time for monitoring, data collection, and research to evaluate ecological, cultural, and economic impacts. This section establishes a defined evaluation period to support collaborative review by the legislature, the Sustainable Foraging Task Force, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources before additional regulatory changes are considered.
 - a. For five years from the effective date of this section, the commissioner shall prioritize implementation, research, monitoring, and reporting related to foraging activities authorized under statute. During this period, the commissioner may not adopt rulemaking that materially reduces, narrows, or alter the scope of harvesting access established by statute, except as provided in paragraph (a).
 - b. (a) Limited rulemaking during evaluation period. The commissioner may adopt narrowly tailored, evidence-supported rulemaking during the evaluation period only when necessary to:
 - i. Implement statutory requirements enacted by the legislature;
 - ii. Make administrative or technical improvements that do not materially reduce access;
 - iii. Comply with federal law or binding federal funding requirements
 - iv. Respond to an urgent or emergency situation, including an immediate threat to public health or safety, and substantiated risk to public health, safety, or ecological integrity.

Next Steps and Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.



Sustainable Foraging Task Force

Tuesday, January 27th, 2026
10:00 AM
State Capitol Room G-23 and
Remote via Zoom
<https://www.lcc.mn.gov/foraging/>

Members Present:

Senator Susan Pha, Chair
Representative Roger Skraba, Vice Chair
Kelli Bruns
Senator Steve Green
Angela Gupta
Bradley Harrington
Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe

Greg Kvale
Peter Martignacco
Rebecca Montgomery
David Schultz
Luke Skinner
Matt Wappler
Gary Wyatt

Members Excused:

Representative Alex Falconer
Dale Gentry
Kristen Poppleton
Ingrid Schneider

Meeting Minutes

Sen. Pha called the meeting of the Sustainable Foraging Task Force to order at 10:04 AM. A quorum was present.

David Schultz moved to adopt the minutes of the January 6, 2026, and January 14, 2026, meetings. The roll was called.

Ayes

Senator Susan Pha
Kelli Bruns
Angela Gupta
Bradley Harrington
Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe
Greg Kvale

Peter Martignacco
Rebecca Montgomery
David Schultz
Luke Skinner
Matt Wappler
Gary Wyatt

There were 12 ayes and 0 nays. The motion prevailed and the minutes were adopted.

Discussion

Members discussed recommendations as prepared by staff:

Executive summary of recommendations

Task force members developed seven recommendations intended to support DNR's mission, maintain DNR's authority, and support foraging. The task force had a shared hope to find the balance between allowing humans to forage and allowing nature to thrive. The task force recognizes implementation of the recommendations will require dedicated resources, including careful planning, funding, and staff.

Recommendation 1: Develop a new statute that codifies foraging for personal, non-commercial use as a legitimate recreational and cultural activity on DNR managed state lands and waters.

The task force recommends a new statute to codify foraging as allowable on DNR managed state lands and waters and to establish definitions for non-commercial personal use, commercial use, honorable harvest, and products allowed to be harvested. The new statute would only require permits for products on a protected species list.

Recommendation 2. Proactive study of foraging and its impacts in Minnesota

The task force recommends funding to collect data, monitor, and research the impacts of foraging, including an evaluation of statute/rule changes resulting from the task force's work. This proactive study would include partnership with foragers and research experts.

Recommendation 3. Develop education and training to support best management practices for foraging.

The task force recommends funding to develop foraging education and training for the public using a collaborative approach with DNR and partners. The resources should be easily accessed by the public with no or minimal cost. In addition, the DNR should ensure consistent information and messages are shared internally among staff to support consistent implementation and to reduce potential misunderstandings.

Recommendation 4. Use plain language to provide clear and accessible information that makes it easier for the public to understand statutes and rules on DNR-managed state lands and waters.

The task force recommends the use of plain language to provide clear and accessible information that makes it easier for the public to understand statutes, rules, and Traditional Ecological Knowledge related to foraging on DNR-managed state lands and waters.

Recommendation 5. Improve DNR’s permit process for foraging on DNR-managed state lands and waters.

The task force recommends funding to improve DNR’s permitting systems and processes. For all foraging activities that require a permit, the permitting process should be clear and accessible. to increase accessibility and reduce barriers to obtaining permits for the collection of items on the protected species list. Recommended changes include making permits available online, accepting electronic payments, and reducing the cost.

Recommendation 6. Establish a mechanism for DNR to engage regularly with foraging stakeholders

The task force recommends the DNR establish a mechanism for regular engagement with foraging stakeholders to maintain open lines of communication. Regular engagement helps ensure that foraging statutes and rules stay relevant, are evidence-based, include Traditional Ecological Knowledge, and are responsive to current conditions—supporting both conservation and access goals.

Recommendation 7. Establish a five-year evaluation period during which limits on new foraging policy will apply.

The task force recognizes that the changes outlined in the recommendations above require time for data collection, monitoring, and research to evaluate ecological, cultural, and economic impacts. This recommendation establishes a defined evaluation period of five years to support collaborative review by the legislature, DNR, and foraging partners before additional policy and regulatory changes are considered.

Recommendations

Task force members developed seven recommendations intended to support DNR’s mission, maintain DNR’s authority, and support foraging. The task force had a shared hope to find the balance between allowing humans to forage and allowing nature to thrive. The task force recognizes implementation of the recommendations will require dedicated resources, including careful planning, funding, and staff. Consultation with Tribal leaders, collectively and individually, would take place prior to finalization of new statute.

Recommendation 1. Develop a new statute that codifies foraging for personal, non-commercial use as a legitimate recreational and cultural activity on DNR managed state lands and waters.

The Sustainable Foraging Task Force recommends the Minnesota Legislature create a new statute that includes the following:

Codification of foraging

Codify foraging as an allowable activity on DNR managed state lands (many of which consist of School Trust fund lands) and public waters making up the outdoor recreation system (Minnesota Statutes Chapter 86A), with the exclusion of state scientific and natural areas.

Definition of Non-Commercial Personal Use

“Non-commercial personal use” is defined as foraging allowed products as part of a non-business activity, without profit motive. This includes foraging for:

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

Definition of Commercial Use

Commercial use is defined as foraging on DNR-managed state lands and waters with a profit motive. [Note, this definition is provided only as a counterpoint to defining non-commercial personal use. The task force is not making recommendations regarding commercial foraging.]

Honorable Harvest Practices

Foraging statutes and rules for non-commercial personal use on DNR-managed state lands and waters will be informed by Traditional Ecological Knowledge, including regenerative harvesting methods, and honorable harvest practices.

The ethic of the honorable harvest is a way of being in relationship with the living world. As Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer explains, the honorable harvest is grounded in respect, reciprocity, and reverence and is guided by protocols that many Indigenous cultures have known and practiced for generations:

*“Ask permission of the ones whose lives you seek. Abide by the answer.
Never take the first. Never take the last.
Harvest in a way that minimizes harm.
Take only what you need and leave some for others.
Use everything that you take.
Take only that which is given to you.
Share it, as the Earth has shared with you.
Be grateful.”*

Products Allowed to be Harvested

Foraging products for non-commercial personal use according to honorable harvest practices would be allowable without permit for products

including, but not limited to the following items, or included on the DNR protected species list:

- Seeds*,
- Berries,
- Nuts,
- Flowers, leaves, roots* and shoots of herbaceous and woody plants, and
- Fungi.

* Seeds and roots are two examples for which certain products would likely be included on the DNR protected species list. See section below for additional information.

In addition, the task force recommends the following key considerations for a new statute that codifies foraging as a legitimate recreational and cultural activity on DNR managed state lands and waters for personal, non-commercial use:

- Affirms the sensitivity of state parks, particularly in protecting endangered, threatened, and special concern species as well as cultural resources. The task force recognizes and supports the DNR's authority to identify and designate specific areas within state parks where foraging is restricted or prohibited due to management practices, land restoration activities, plant surveys, or maintenance needs.
- Acknowledges foraging as a right that has been included in the Minnesota Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights.
- Does not conflict with existing wild rice, wild ginseng, and wildflower statutes and rules.
- Does not conflict with existing statutes and rules related to aquatic and terrestrial invasive species.
- Recognizes Minnesota Statutes 10.65 outlining the State of Minnesota's relationship with and responsibility with Tribal governments.
- Ensures compliance with federal nexus in regard to PRDJ (Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson) funding
- Accepts that expansion of allowable foraging of aquatic plants will require additional conversations between DNR and community stakeholders.

Protected Species List and other Limitations

The task force recommends the new statute allow DNR, in consultation with stakeholders, to create a list of protected species that require a permit to forage, are prohibited from foraging, or have limitations placed on foraging, based on evidence using a similar approach already used by the DNR with hunting and fishing. The new statute would allow local DNR land managers the authority to set additional limits when applicable to specific geographies. (suggestion: be more specific about what this looks like/enforcement options, how is geography defined, and need for immediate response when an issue is seen) The task force recommends permits be required only for products on this protected species list.

In development of a protected/limited species list, the DNR should not make restrictions that are broad or preemptive without evidence. The list might include, for example:

- Restrictions on uprooting of whole plants; some plants would require a permit, while certain abundant species would might not be restricted.
- Restrictions on foraging of native seeds necessary for prairie restoration and other ecological and revegetation projects.

Recommendation 2. Proactive study of foraging and its impacts in Minnesota

The Sustainable Foraging Task Force recommends that the Minnesota Legislature provide a direct appropriation to support the DNR in data collection, monitoring, and research on the ecological, cultural, and economic impacts of foraging in Minnesota. This research should include an evaluation of statutory and rule changes resulting from the task force's work and related legislation, including impacts on conservation outcomes, public access, stewardship practices, community engagement, and the sharing of Traditional Ecological Knowledge. The task force further recommends that the DNR seek additional funding for this purpose, including through the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources.

The task force encourages the DNR partner with foragers and organized groups that support these activities as a critical source of data and information to support research, conservation, and sustainable land and water management, for example by creating an optional online form for foragers to share observations and experiences, or adding questions to existing licensure surveys. Foragers can share species present, habitat conditions, concerns or challenges. Data collected through these partnerships should be aggregated and used to inform policy development, conservation strategies (including future quantity limits), public guidance, and scientific study.

The task force supports strong protections against pesticide and herbicide use where such use threatens ecological health, Indigenous food systems, or public safety, while also recognizing that targeted use of these chemicals remains an important tool in invasive species management. The task force encourages a balanced, science-based approach

that avoids blanket bans, allows chemical-specific restrictions where appropriate, and prioritizes integrated pest management practices that include stewardship, prevention, and least-toxic alternatives. The task force recommends that DNR continue to track the use and cost of herbicides and pesticides on all DNR-managed state lands and waters to support evidence-based evaluation of land management practices over time.

Recommendation 3. Develop education and training to support best management practices for foraging.

The task force commends the DNR's emphasis on education over citations related to foraging activities. To build on this approach, the task force recommends a direct appropriation to support the development of foraging education and training for the public that leverages varied expertise and strengths of the DNR and partners.

The task force recommends this development of education and training take place in partnership and collaboration with, for example, the University of Minnesota Extension (which brings extensive research base and expertise in adult learning), Tribal Nations (which brings a depth of understanding of Traditional Ecological Knowledge, including honorable harvest practices and expertise in Minnesota Statutes 10.65), and/or others with relevant knowledge. Additional partners who might provide input into the development of education and training may include, but are not limited to the Minnesota Mycological Society, Herbalist Society, Minnesota Foraging Alliance, Back Country Hunters and Anglers, Minnesota Native Plant Society, Minnesota Master Naturalists and Gardeners, and Minnesota Wildlife Federation.

The task force recommends foraging education and training include the following topics:

- Review of existing state statutes and administrative rules, including when permits are required.
- Cultural and community considerations: Tribal sovereignty and distinct treaty rights, including plants species as sacred medicines.
- Honorable harvest practices and regenerative harvesting methods in alignment with Traditional Ecological Knowledge: how foraging affects biodiversity and soil health, seasonal considerations
- Minnesota's outdoor recreation system: breadth of recreational and cultural activities occurring on public lands and waters, including identification of public land types and what rules apply.
- Personal physical safety: tick exposure, contamination exposure, gear, safe use of knives and digging tools, first aid, and emergency protocols.

- Plant identification basics: How to positively identify edible and medicinal plants and fungi (and their look-alikes).
- Reducing spread of invasive species, including compliance with Noxious Weed Law.

The task force recommends the DNR, and its partners ensure this education and training is easily accessed by the public with no or minimal cost. The task force also recommends DNR develop and execute an internal communication plan to provide consistent information and messages across DNR's many divisions regarding statutory and rule changes resulting from the task force's work. Intentional and robust dissemination internally within DNR will support consistent implementation across DNR-managed lands and waters and reduce potential misunderstandings of foraging as trespassing, theft, or suspicious behavior.

Recommendation 4. Use plain language to provide clear and accessible information that makes it easier for the public to understand statutes and rules on DNR-managed state lands and waters.

The task force recommends the use of plain language to provide clear and accessible information that makes it easier for the public to understand statutes, rules, and Traditional Ecological Knowledge related to foraging on DNR-managed state lands and waters.

A persistent theme that emerged during task force meetings and public listening sessions was the lack of clear and accessible information on foraging available on State of Minnesota websites. Public resources on foraging should be available in multiple languages and when possible, should be visual by using icons, photos, and/or color-coded symbols or QR codes to communicate key information. The task force recognizes the DNR is committed to this effort and has already made concerted efforts to improve its public websites and additional funding from the Minnesota legislature may be needed to continue this effort.

The task force recommends the DNR continue to make it easier for the public to understand what is and is not allowed on certain state land types and that the language used be consistent. The task force recommends a single page on foraging instead of multiple pages by different land type as it is confusing for the public to decipher the differences that matter. For example, deciphering these two DNR websites presents its challenges:

- [Harvesting plants](#) (State parks and recreation areas)
- [Harvesting on state forest lands](#) (Forestry)

The task force also recommends the DNR work together with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to ensure alignment and consistency of language and necessary cross linking of webpages on this topic, especially related to: [Certified Wild Mushroom Harvester](#), [Harvesting and Selling Wild Mushrooms in Minnesota](#), and [Minnesota Noxious Weed List](#).

Recommendation 5. Improve DNR’s permit process for foraging on DNR-managed state lands and waters.

The task force recommends the DNR improve its permitting systems and processes. For all foraging activities that require a permit, the permitting process should be clear and accessible. to increase accessibility and reduce barriers to obtaining permits for the collection of items on the protected species list. The task force recognizes that dedicated resources will be required to execute and streamline this work.

The task force recommends the following permit features:

- Make the permits available online.
- Reducing costs for foragers should be a factor in determining improvements, for example, a single permit where multiple permits are currently required.
- Accept electronic payments, in addition to check or money order.
- If beneficial to state DNR land managers, include a pathway for large special events and organized public activities to register for foraging education on state lands or waters.
- Explore permit differences for state residents versus non-residents as is done for hunting and fishing permits.

The task force recognizes that focused effort and additional internal DNR consultation will be required to modify permitting for the harvest of aquatic plants currently included in Minnesota Statutes 103G.615, Permits to harvest or destroy aquatic plants.

Recommendation 6. Establish a mechanism for DNR to engage regularly with foraging stakeholders

The task force recommends the DNR establish a mechanism for regular engagement with foraging stakeholders to maintain open lines of communication. The DNR may do this through, for example, an annual town hall or the creation of an advisory council that meets at regular intervals during the year. The task force recommends this action as it recognizes

that ecosystems, species populations, and environmental conditions are continually changing due to climate shifts, land use, and other pressures. Regular engagement with foraging stakeholders helps ensure that foraging statutes and rules stay relevant, evidence-based, include Traditional Ecological Knowledge, and are responsive to current conditions—supporting both conservation and access goals.

In addition, this regular engagement provides an opportunity for the DNR to report back specifically on findings from research and study activities focused on the ecological, cultural, and economic impacts of foraging in Minnesota, including the effects of changes to statutes and rules made because of the task force’s work.

Recommendation 7. Establish a five-year evaluation period during which limits on new foraging policy will apply.

The task force recognizes that the changes outlined in the recommendations above require time for data collection, monitoring, and research to evaluate ecological, cultural, and economic impacts. This recommendation establishes a defined evaluation period of five years to support collaborative review by the legislature, DNR, and foraging partners before additional policy and regulatory changes are considered.

While the data collection, monitoring, and research described in Recommendation 2 takes place, DNR should avoid rulemaking that substantially reduces, narrows, or alters the scope of foraging access except as necessary to:

- Respond to an urgent or emergency, including an immediate threat or substantiated risk to public health, safety, or ecological integrity.
- Comply with federal law or binding federal funding requirements.
- Make administrative or technical improvements.

Note, this recommendation only limits rulemaking related to foraging. The task force is not making recommendations to limit rulemaking in other key areas already identified by DNR.

Voting

Sen. Pha moved to adopt **Recommendation 1**. The roll was called.

Ayes

Angela Gupta
Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe
Greg Kvale
Peter Martignacco

Rebecca Montgomery
David Schultz
Gary Wyatt
Senator Susan Pha

Nays

Kelli Bruns
Senator Steve Green
Bradley Harrington

Luke Skinner
Matt Wappler
Representative Roger Skraba

The vote was 8 ayes, 6 nays. The motion, not receiving the pre-determined 80% threshold, failed and the recommendation was not adopted.

Sen. Pha moved to adopt **Recommendation 2**. The roll was called.

Ayes

Kelli Bruns
Angela Gupta
Bradley Harrington
Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe
Greg Kvale
Peter Martignacco
Rebecca Montgomery

David Schultz
Luke Skinner
Matt Wappler
Gary Wyatt
Representative Roger Skraba
Senator Susan Pha

Nays

Senator Steve Green

The vote was 13 ayes, 1 nay. The motion, receiving the pre-determined 80% threshold, prevailed and the recommendation was adopted.

Sen. Pha moved to adopt **Recommendation 3**. The roll was called.

Ayes

Kelli Bruns
Angela Gupta
Bradley Harrington
Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe
Greg Kvale

Peter Martignacco
Rebecca Montgomery
David Schultz
Luke Skinner
Matt Wappler

Gary Wyatt
Representative Roger Skraba

Senator Susan Pha

Nays

Senator Steve Green

The vote was 13 ayes, 1 nay. The motion, receiving the pre-determined 80% threshold, prevailed and the recommendation was adopted.

Sen. Pha moved to adopt **Recommendation 4**. The roll was called.

Ayes

Kelli Bruns
Angela Gupta
Bradley Harrington
Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe
Greg Kvale
Peter Martignacco
Rebecca Montgomery

David Schultz
Luke Skinner
Matt Wappler
Gary Wyatt
Representative Roger Skraba
Senator Susan Pha

Nays

Senator Steve Green

The vote was 13 ayes, 1 nay. The motion, receiving the pre-determined 80% threshold, prevailed and the recommendation was adopted.

Sen. Pha moved to adopt **Recommendation 5**. The roll was called.

Ayes

Kelli Bruns
Angela Gupta
Bradley Harrington
Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe
Greg Kvale
Peter Martignacco
Rebecca Montgomery

David Schultz
Luke Skinner
Matt Wappler
Gary Wyatt
Representative Roger Skraba
Senator Susan Pha

Nays

Senator Steve Green

The vote was 13 ayes, 1 nay. The motion, receiving the pre-determined 80% threshold, prevailed and the recommendation was adopted.

Sen. Pha moved to adopt **Recommendation 6**. The roll was called.

Ayes

Kelli Bruns

Angela Gupta

Bradley Harrington

Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe

Greg Kvale

Peter Martignacco

Rebecca Montgomery

David Schultz

Luke Skinner

Matt Wappler

Gary Wyatt

Representative Roger Skraba

Senator Susan Pha

Nays

Senator Steve Green

The vote was 13 ayes, 1 nay. The motion, receiving the pre-determined 80% threshold, prevailed and the recommendation was adopted.

Sen. Pha moved to adopt **Recommendation 7**. The roll was called.

Ayes

Angela Gupta

Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe

Greg Kvale

Peter Martignacco

Rebecca Montgomery

David Schultz

Gary Wyatt

Representative Roger Skraba

Senator Susan Pha

Nays

Kelli Bruns
Senator Steve Green
Bradley Harrington

Luke Skinner
Matt Wappler

The vote was 9 ayes, 5 nays. The motion, not receiving the pre-determined 80% threshold, failed and the recommendation was not adopted.

Next Steps and Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.



Sustainable Foraging Task Force

Tuesday, February 10th, 2026
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Room G-23 and
Remote via Zoom
<https://www.lcc.mn.gov/foraging/>

Members Present:

Senator Susan Pha, Chair
Representative Roger Skraba, Vice Chair
Kelli Bruns
Angela Gupta
Bradley Harrington
Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe
Greg Kvale

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

Members Excused:

Representative Alex Falconer
Dale Gentry
Senator Steve Green
Kristen Poppleton

Meeting Minutes

Sen. Pha called the meeting of the Sustainable Foraging Task Force to order at 10:03 AM. A quorum was present.

David Schultz moved to adopt the minutes of the January 27, 2026, meeting. The roll was called.

Ayes

Senator Susan Pha
Representative Roger Skraba
Kelli Bruns
Angela Gupta
Bradley Harrington
Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe

Greg Kvale
Peter Martignacco
David Schultz
Luke Skinner
Matt Wappler
Gary Wyatt

There were 12 ayes and 0 nays. The motion prevailed and the minutes were adopted.

Nick Nero, LCC Research Analyst reviewed a draft of the Minnesota Sustainable Foraging Task Force Report. Members discussed the Report draft and suggested edits.

Sen. Pha moved to adopt the Minnesota Sustainable Foraging Task Force Report authorizing staff to finalize the report incorporating members' suggestions and technical changes as necessary with final approval by the chair and vice chair before submission to the Legislature. The roll was called.

Ayes

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| Senator Susan Pha, Chair | Peter Martignacco |
| Representative Roger Skraba, Vice Chair | Rebecca Montgomery |
| Kelli Bruns | Ingrid Schneider |
| Angela Gupta | David Schultz |
| Bradley Harrington | Luke Skinner |
| Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe | Matt Wappler |
| Greg Kvale | Gary Wyatt |

There were 14 ayes and 0 nays. The motion prevailed and the report was adopted.

Sen. Pha moved to adopt the minutes of the February 10, 2026, meeting as prepared by staff with final approval by the chair and vice chair. The roll was called.

Ayes

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| Senator Susan Pha, Chair | Peter Martignacco |
| Representative Roger Skraba, Vice Chair | Rebecca Montgomery |
| Kelli Bruns | Ingrid Schneider |
| Angela Gupta | David Schultz |
| Bradley Harrington | Luke Skinner |
| Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe | Matt Wappler |
| Greg Kvale | Gary Wyatt |

There were 14 ayes and 0 nays. The motion prevailed and the minutes were adopted.

Next Steps and Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 PM.