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# Press Release

## **Protect Our Manoomin Rally at the State Capitol**

**Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 1, 2011:** Protect Our Manoomin, an Ojibwe grassroots organization, will hold a rally at the Minnesota State Capitol on May 4, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.. The rally is in response to H.F. 1010, a bill that will temporary suspend the wild rice water quality standard of 10 mg/L sulfate and raise it to 50 mg/L. An increase of sulfate resulting from non-ferrous mining will seriously imperil the wild rice stands in northeastern Minnesota. H.F. 1010 is viewed by Ojibwe and environmentalists as the efforts of the Minnesota legislature to accommodate the opening of non-ferrous mining by PolyMet's NorthMet Project. The rally is being held during the Senate's conference committee hearing to draft the final language of the bill.

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