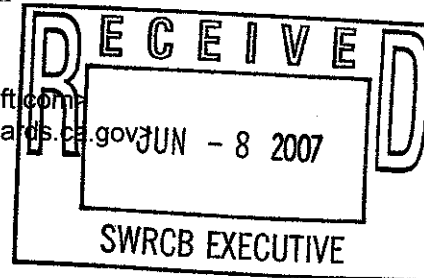


From: "Brian Brouillet (Grubb & Ellis Mgmt Services)" <v-bbroui@microsoft.com>
To: "commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov" <commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov>
Date: Fri, Jun 8, 2007 6:36 AM
Subject: Dredge use impacting river wildlife/habitat



To the waterboard for consideration of recreational dredging:

It has come to my attention that the state of California would like input regarding dredging in the California rivers. I'm not going to recite any proven studies specifically done to assess the negative or positive impact on the rivers and wildlife habitat in and around the river due to dredging. But I would like to let you know that dredging has been going on in California since the 1800's, and continues until this day for one reason: No one can provide proof that dredging DOES impact the rivers and wildlife. If there was proof that it did, dredging would be an illegal activity. Legitimate and documented proof by a NON-BIASED, educated biologist's can and would prove the negative aspects of dredging, so if you have this, by all means bring it out.

Gold dredging has actually advanced in technology over the years to reduce impact, especially compared to original dredging methods. Technology advances due to necessity, including preservation of natural habitats.

Gold "seekers", are actually more educated and in touch with nature, as most are recreational prospectors, who enjoy getting into the mountains, away from society, to get back into nature. They are not to destroy it, there are to preserve and continue the legacy from prospectors of the 1800's, who founded the great state of California, and remember why it is what it is today. People flocked by the tens of thousands to California, not for the nice beaches and clean air, but for the gold. Gold dredging has not placed a smog cloud over LA, nor has it destroyed any river habitats.

Gold dredging has been relatively unchanged for the last 100+ years, other than smaller, more portable dredges to be used by one, or two men. The misuse of these systems by a few may have sparked a battle, but if you are worried that these systems are negatively impacting, please, work with the prospectors.

If any thing - "PLEASE WORK WITH THE GOLD PROSPECTORS, NOT AGAINST THEM, IT'S THE FOUNDATION OF CALIFORNIA. PROVIDE EDUCATION REGARDING DREDGING, AND PROMOTE THE RECREATIONAL HOBBY IN THE STATE, PROVIDE LICENSES THROUGH EDUCATION, AND BRING BACK THE FOUNDATION OF CALIFORNIA, GET THE PEOPLE AWAY FROM THERE TV'S, CITY STREETS, AND GO GREEN.

GOVERNMENTS ARE OF THE PEOPLE.....FOR THE PEOPLE, WORK WITH, NOT AGAINST, CREATE A TEAM OF ENVIRONMENTALLY CONCIOUS CITIZENS EDUCATED TO PRESERVE THE HABITAT AND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, AND EDUCATE THE YOUTH THROUGH MENTORS, TO CONTINUE THE PRESERAVTION FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

I appreciate the opportunity for me to voice my opinion, and you to listen. In all the worlds bad doings, most are done not on purpose, but necessity. If it isn't one thing, it will be another, but for California.....the mother lode.....this is a state founded on gold. Lets let that heritage continue as the gold state

Brian Brouillet
 GEMS Tech
 425.985.9549