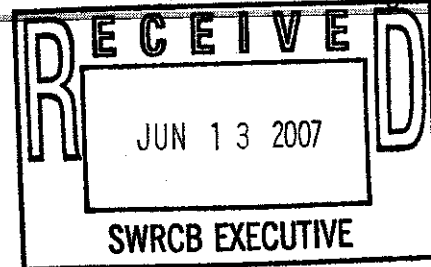


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Greetings to Board members

My name is Don Crites. I have been gold dredging for 24 years. I am opposed to any changes in suction dredging rules and agencies involved. The proposed changes are to circumvent a court order to do an Environmental Impact Study. The proposed changes from Dept. of Fish and Game to the Fish and Game Commission will give arbitrary power to close waters without reason or due process. Suction dredging removes heavy metals from the rivers such as lead and mercury. This benefits all citizens. We benefit the fish by cleaning gravels for spawning, putting natural food back in circulation and make some holes where fish can rest in cooler waters. Many studies indicate the benefits of dredging for the fish and the environment. This AB 1032 is bad legislation. I urge a no vote on this.

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