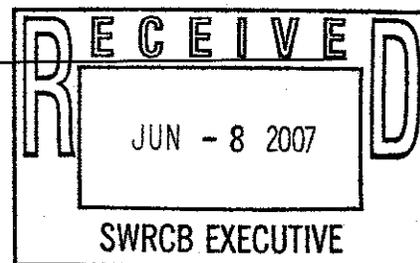


6/12/07 Workshop
Suction Dredge Mining
Deadline: 6/22/07 Noon

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Subject: Comment Letter-Suction Dredge Mining

Dear Sirs,

My name is Jerry Van Muyden. I am a member of The New 49'ers Prospecting Organization. Water quality is always a issue when dredging operations are underway. Many studies have been conducted with conclusions of very little if any degrading of water quality from these operations. A great amount of paper work will be presented to you at this meeting which in the most part is on the positive side of the question at hand. Please consider it in the positive sense. In my estimation, dredge mining has no lasting effect on water quality. My wife and I are new to this recreational mining and wish to continue.

In this case, if you choose to not renew the state-wide water quality exemption for suction dredgers, I can nearly guarantee that you will eliminate an entire industry in this State; an industry which does a great deal to help support many rural communities; an industry that generates millions upon millions of dollars in income for California – and would continue to do so for the foreseeable future. We hope you will carefully consider what will be gained before you destroy our industry!

Thank you very much for considering my comments.

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