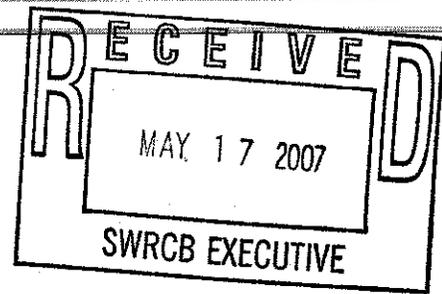


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To whom this may concern,  
I have casually dredged for gold over the last 25 years. The amount of gravels that I have moved or even seen other dredgers move during our already regulated season is very small compared to the miles of river ways that we have throughout this state. Although if it rains for a few days it usually creates more poor water clarity than any dredge I've ever seen. What do the fish do after mother nature pays a toll on flushing of mud etc. into the rivers? I believe they do just fine. Furthermore I have yet to see one fish that seems to be upset about me dredging in their habitat. They're usually right there feeding from the materials being dredged. You can't even scare them away. I honestly believe most of the people complaining about dredging causing so much of a problem for the fish or whatever in the waterways haven't got a clue of what they are talking about. These same people seem to just want to ruin a very fun hobby for us dredgers, but yet that same class of people probably have boats, jet skis etc. So why don't you people just pass a bunch of laws to keep everybody totally out of our waters!! Also, the fish and game didn't put up one bit of resistance to grab my \$42.50 this year or any other year for my permit.  
Thank You for reading my reply. Just trying to enjoy an outdoor activity of gold dredging..It's sure not making me rich.....

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