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

Mercury contamination is reduced by dredgers.

Our neighboring states of Oregon and Washington have recently been the recipient of a combined 200+ lbs of mercury recovered from streams and rivers by suction dredge miners over the last few years. They have not attempted to stop suction dredge mining because it may stir up some tiny amount of mercury, obviously because the amount of good performed by dredgers in cleaning their waters far outweighs any potential "alleged" harm (if any) it "might" cause.

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