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6/12/07 Workshop
Suction Dredge Mining
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Although I run a small dredge (2") I am always amazed at the the amount of lead and mercury I recover from the rivers. Who is going to clean the rivers should this Bill pass? Dredgers do not introduce foreign materials into rivers. I hope the Committee will recognize this for what it is, the formation of another beauracracy and an attempt by the Department of Fish and Game to abdicate its responsibilities. Assemblywoman Wolk, who sponsored this Bill, doesn't have a river in her District, which indicates, to me, she was put up to introducing this Bill, with no personal interest or knowledge. Thank you for listening, Michael E. Rafferty, 36743 Hillview Road, Hinkley, Ca, 92347

