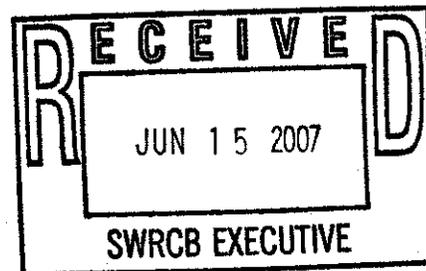


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6/12/07 Workshop
Suction Dredge
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Hello

Every known study has shown over and over that there is no adverse effect to water quality as a result of suction dredging.

No one but the suction dredger has the ability to remove harmful mercury from this states waterways.

Dredge "seasons" protect the fish and dredge tailings make great places for fish to spawn.

The suction dredger has been proven to be a friend to the environment. Why would anyone want to change this?

Please, California regulations already in place protect our waterways. No new regulations!

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