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6/12/07 Workshop
Suction Dredge Mining
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I camp at a camp ground up high over looking a river, and I always see a few dredgers in the river. Being up high and the water so clear I can see the big fish in the river and I noticed one thing.

The fish seem to congregate around the dredgers and after they finish dredging there appears to be piles of gravel left in places that the fish then go to.

I don't know why the fish love these so much, it could be that they find small grubs there or that the current is changed slightly there and they wait for food to drift by, but they DO ENJOY IT!

I am a fisherman and I have noticed that after dredgers have been at a site the fishing seems to be somewhat better there a couple of days after the dredge leaves the area. I have fished areas where the fishing was very poor only to return to the same place after dredging has taken place and finding the fishing to be very good.

As I said, I am not a game biologist or anything but I do know that dredging does not harm the waterways but instead it creates better habitat for the fish.

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