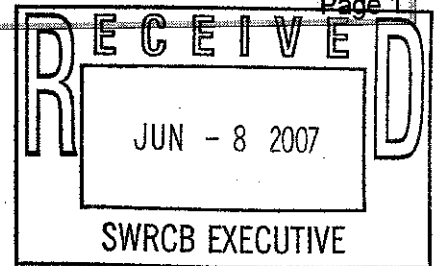


6/12/07 Workshop  
Suction Dredge Mining  
Deadline: 6/22/07 Noon



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I am a retired State Of Calif. Peace Officer, I was waiting for more retirement to finally get here so I could spend more time on the rivers with my favorite pastime "dredging for gold".

I have removed over 25 pounds of lead mostly fishing sinkers an alot of gun bullets, and some mercury. I also pick-up alot of trash left by others, and I know my fellow "dredgers" do the same, we do NO HARM to the rivers in fact the fish loves us they are always around us as we work picking of food that we uncover for them.

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.  
Thanks for your time....Richard Haynes, 7916 cold creek ct., Bakersfield, CA 93313