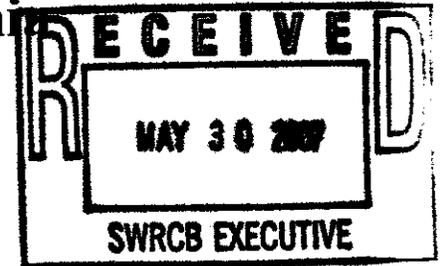


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**Re: Suction Dredging,  
May 24, 2007**

**Suction dredging has been proven to be the most efficient way to remove heavy metals from our river systems. Lead, Iron and other metals are removed by dredgers. Mercury which is a danger to both people and wildlife is also removed by suction dredging. Dredging breaks up hard pack gravel, and oxygenates the gravels. This has been proven in many studies and also shows that fish use dredging tailing piles for spawning. Dredging also creates deep pockets in the gravel which fish migrate to because of its cooler temperature. And after the first flooding of the River system, all signs of dredging is covered up.**

**Suction Dredging is very regulated activity. Nothing is added the water or environment. Dredging only moves gravels in**

**the river system from one spot to another.  
Fish are attracted to dredging because of  
potential food being uncovered. The amount  
of gravel moved by a suction dredger  
compared to mother natures annual flooding.  
Is equal to this dot . Compared to the moon.  
Suction dredging is good for the  
environment, and good for our water .**

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