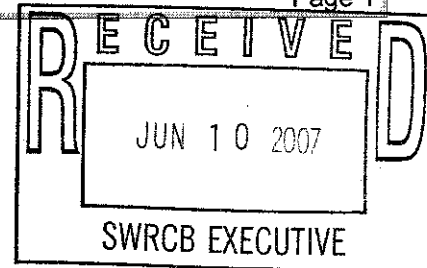


6/12/07 Workshop
Suction Dredge Mining
Deadline: 6/22/07 Noon

From: Steve Bland <mahdis6@yahoo.com>
To: <commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov>
Date: Sun, Jun 10, 2007 6:17 AM
Subject: Suction Dredging



Dear Sirs;

By now you have probably been sent a thousand letters with enough facts to show you that the process of Suction Dredging does not hurt the environment. I merely want to tell you a short story to confirm this.

I have often been surrounded by small fish as I use my 3" suction dredge. They love the way the bottom is being stirred up. It gives them a free buffet for lunch. They have even been know to swim in and out of the boil created by the water reentering the river/stream. None of this would be true if they were being hurt in the least bit.

The paperwork on your desk explains how the dredges turn over the old hard packed river bottom and leaves a pliable healthy area for fish to span in. Please believe what you are reading.

Vote to keep Suction Dredgers in the water. Let us continue using the same laws that have already been proven to work. Dont listen to small groups of people who want only what they want: control over what rightfully belongs to all of the people.

Thank you,
STeve Bland

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