

6/12/07 Workshop  
Suction Dredge Mining  
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To Whom It May Concern

Dredge mining in British Columbia Canada has been outlawed through a similar bill. Basically you are now only allowed to mine with a shovel and gold pan.

The same bill was to be passed in the Yukon Territory in Canada. The Yukon miners were able to oppose the bill which gave them the opportunity to show that dredging could be done without causing harm to the environment. In fact, it is beneficial to the environment and dredging continues both on a large and small scale, and a way of life that has existed for hundreds of years still continues today.

When such bills are passed without the public input governments are taking away much more than the right to dredge.

Good Luck to all you California gold miners.

This is just my opinion and it is not intended to offend anyone. If I have done so please feel free to email me.

Sincerely

A very unhappy gold miner in British Columbia, Canada

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