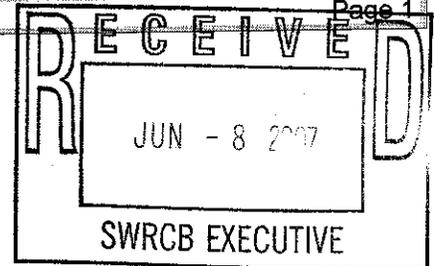


6/12/07 Workshop  
Suction Dredge Mining  
Deadline: 6/22/07 Noon



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To who it may concern. Suction dredging DOESN'T hurt anything. It actually cleans up the bottom by removing lead and mercury. The action of dredging aerates the bottom and cleans the gravel for fish to spawn.

I have been dredging and had fish in the dredge hole staying right there eating the little things I uncovered not afraid at all.

This is a great pastime and MILLIONS of \$\$\$\$ are spent each year on this. I travel from Michigan to N. Ca. and I spend a lot of \$.

Please do Not stop dredging in Ca. The enviromentals are wrong by saying this hurts the ecology, in fact it HELPS.

Thanks for letting me comment, Jerry

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