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I've been mining off and on since the early 80s, have seen this come and go a few times.
Now again, this is getting to the point of deliberately wasting the tax payers money, it's been done more that once.
There are multiple studies, the one I read that was anti - suction dredge, were all opinion base, no facts.
Then several that were on the positive side of suction dredging were fact / science based.
To continually give in to ignorance as a governing body is either, more ignorance or corrupt,
I think in this case it is both.
The rules are already there and working.
Suction dredging removes all heavy metals that are in the river and many of those are valuable.
There are many other positive effects, and almost no negative affects, especially, if the rules in effect are gone by.
Thank you John