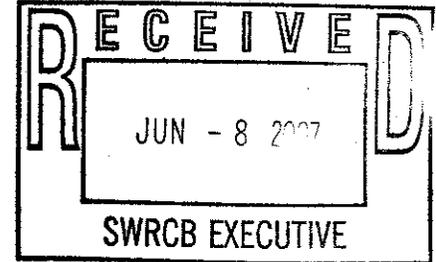


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Hello,

I would like to comment on the proposed changes to the California suction dredging regulations. First, I am not going to bore you with references from numerous expert witnesses as I am sure a large number of people have already done so. With this in mind, if all involved would step back and really consider the impact that a few suction dredges could possible have on the environment as large as a river system you would be able to see that suction dredgers are such a small part of the overall eco-system, it is inconceivable that they could be disturbing enough of the river to have a negative impact. I would then ask you to take a look at not only the proposed negative environmental impact but also the proven positive environmental impact that suction dredging brings to the eco-system. Please consider this very seriously as the proposed changes would seriously affect the quality of life for some that consider this recreational past-time a hobby.

Thank you for your time,

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