

Appendix D
FORM LETTER 2 AND VARIANTS

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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Form Letter 2
VARIANTS

From: ["V.abel"](#)**To:** dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov**CC:****Date:** 04/06/2011 11:22:38 PM**Subject:** Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher at the California Department of Fish and Game:

California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and as such are the lifeblood for all Californians. I urge you to protect these waterways from needless harm. Wildlife experts & scientists have testified that suction dredge mining harms our waterways and endangered fish as the mechanized mining process to collect small amounts of gold, reintroduces mercury from historic mining claims, churning up mud and fine silt that deteriorates water quality. Dredge mining destroys aquatic life, harming endangered salmon and impacting the food chain.

In a time of economic crisis, eliminating suction dredge mining is even more important as the state of California historically spends more money processing new suction dredge mining permits than it receives in revenue wasting valuable taxpayer money on a destructive program due to an insufficient number of wardens in the field because of budget cuts. This practice simply must not be allowed if there is insufficient enforcement!

Rules must be revised to prohibit suction dredge mining where critical habitat and future recovery areas are provided for threatened and endangered fish, and wildlife. The Californian economy will also be better served if suction dredge mining is prohibited in most places. California's fish and wildlife and the scenic and pristine environments they inhabit are rich cultural & financial resources. It's a net loser for the state of California, as it destroys our waterways while harming endangered fish and wildlife overall. A 21st-century California doesn't need this relic of our careless past. California doesn't need suction dredge mining but it does need clean waterways for future generations. Leave it in the dustbin of history!

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Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

I can think of no reason why my tax dollars should be used to support this kind of activity in our streams and rivers. This is absolutely not something that Cal Fish and Game should be encouraging or supporting in any way.

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Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

As a native Californian, I appreciate your time and consideration, and hope that you understand how deeply I care about keeping California waters pristine.

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Many thanks.

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From: ["Thomas Amaroli"](#)
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Date: 04/18/2011 11:08:51 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California Waterways

Mark Stopher,

Far too much harm has been done to our wildlife and rivers already. Do not do more harm. Thank you.

I value water quality, and fish and wildlife habitat in public waterways more than I value recreational mining. I believe suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use of our rivers. I urge you to adopt the No Action alternative to protect public waterways from needless harm.

State wildlife agency experts and scientists have testified that suction dredge mining harms our waterways and endangered fish. The mechanized mining process to collect small amounts of gold reintroduces mercury from historic mining and churns up mud and silt that deteriorate water quality. Suction dredge mining also destroys aquatic life harming endangered salmon and impacting the food chain.

In a time of economic crisis eliminating suction dredge mining is even more needed. The state of California historically spends more money processing new suction dredge mining permits than it receives in revenue, wasting valuable taxpayer money on a controversial and harmful program.

At a minimum, the regulations should be revised to prohibit suction dredge mining in all rivers and streams that provide critical habitat and future recovery areas for threatened and endangered fish and wildlife. I support closing all mercury-impaired rivers and streams, Wild & Scenic Rivers, Wild Trout Streams, and National Parks to suction dredge mining to protect water quality, human health, fish and wildlife.

Suction dredge mining destroys our waterways, harms endangered fish and wildlife, and wastes taxpayer money. I urge you put the common interests of all above the gold fever of a few.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

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From: ["Luke Asbury"](#)
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Date: 04/06/2011 7:57:10 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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Please do your part to STOP the ongoing destruction of our planet!

Reject suction dredge mining in California waterways and leave it in the dustbin of history where it belongs.

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From: ["Kathleen Ash"](#)
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Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

California waterways are the very lifeblood for Californians. I have lived in S. California all of my life and now live under drought restrictions. I cherish the use of fresh water and know how much our lives depend upon it.

Now I understand that you are looking at Suction dredge mining as a possibility. This is a costly and destructive practice that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm.

Our own state wildlife agency experts and scientists have testified that suction dredge mining harms our waterways and endangered fish. The mechanized mining process to collect small amounts of gold reintroduces mercury from historic mining and churns up mud and silt that deteriorate water quality. Suction dredge mining also destroys aquatic life, harming endangered salmon and impacting the food chain.

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Date: 04/06/2011 7:54:31 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

Jeez, I cannot believe you are evening considering more suction dredge mining here in California when our fish and amphibians are on the brink of annihilation.

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Date: 04/07/2011 12:21:16 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

I can't understand the Department of Fish and Game EVER allowing this horribly damaging practice.

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From: ["Yvonne Barkley"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
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Date: 04/07/2011 10:09:31 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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Please help in keeping our waterways from being destroyed for our future generations.

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Date: 04/07/2011 10:18:20 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

Sigh. Another waste of tax payers (that's us little people, not the corporations who benefit from mining) money.

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Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

If it is stopped now The Sierra will recover to some degree from hydraulic gold mining - in about 250,000 years! We can only imagine how amazingly abundant wildlife must have been before the 1850's. We won't ever see it in our lives but let's not add insult to injury by letting suction dredge mining happen again here.

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To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

Yet another needless, profit-driven assault on our precious ecosystems. The worldwide extraction war on planet earth continues. Dredge mining is one of it's many hideous faces. Please recognize it for what it is.

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P.S. I Love Wildlife love Brandon M Bean. AND FOR OUR KIDS LIVE & THEY FUTURE TO.

"In this great future, you can't forget your past..." Bob Marley

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Thank you for helping to save these executives why saving the Western Gray Whale important.

Thank you for considering my comments. I look forward to your swift action to ensure a complete ban on whaling in Iceland.

Sincerely,

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

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Yours truly, Thank you for considering my comments. Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration. Sincerely, Thank you for considering my comments. P.S. I Love Wildlife love Brandon M Bean. Thank you for receiving my comments. Sincerely, Brandon M Bean 2019 Los Feliz dr Apt 8 Thousand Oaks CA 91362-3030 Brandonmbean@yahoo.com I love 8stops7 They Rock. <http://www.8stops7.com> ?Thank you for considering and conveying my message to your government. Sincerely, Brandon M Bean 805.657.7565

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Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

The residents of California and the California Department of Fish and Game need to ask themselves what is more important, waterways that have been polluted due to mining or healthy streams that support the federally protected Coho and Chinook salmon, steelhead, Pacific lamprey and green sturgeon. Obviously the health of the fish that depend on the clear water in the streams and rivers.

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To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

California is the golden coast. Why? Not because of its gold rush days, but because of its bounty of natural beauty. A clean environment to protect that beauty, and to be frank, protect ourselves, our future, our children and our lives and livelihoods is something we as a State have been committed to for years.

Why then would we want to dredge up the past for something that will destroy not only our beauty and future, but also our water supply?

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Date: 04/10/2011 11:13:06 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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BE A HERO SO THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF THIS ORRIBLE POLICY WILL NOT BACK FIRE ON YOU.

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From: ["Barbara Boros"](#)
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Date: 04/06/2011 8:04:05 PM
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To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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From: ["Henry Boyle"](#)
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Stop using my tax dollars to, in any way, support this outdated practice.

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CC:
Date: 04/06/2011 10:35:20 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

As a native Californian and outdoorswoman, I am writing to urge you to reject the practice of suction dredge mining. Suction dredge mining is a net loser for the state of California: It destroys our waterways, harms endangered fish and wildlife and wastes taxpayer money -- something we can ill afford with our budgetary woes!

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From: "Norma Campbell"
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/06/2011 7:44:36 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

I write on a lot of subjects but I simply will not tolerate further pollution of California waterways for any reason, and I sincerely hope you and F&G will not try to push something like this thru and over the wishes fo the People of the State of California. Enough damage was done to our waterways during the gold rush, lets not start that crap again.

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From: ["Elaine Capogeannis"](#)
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CC:
Date: 04/07/2011 12:31:20 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

I'm wondering why dredge mining is being allowed -

Since you are elected Mr. Stopher for the Dept of Fish and Game I figure you are also out there to protect their health.

So I come to you with the rest - with the following photocopied letter - because I know you are one of the ones to protect Fish and Game.. More than we can - you can stop the destruction that is irreplaceable and protect the area you were given reign over.

Looking forward to seeing your actions on the Wildlife and Game Dept's behalf.

elaine

Supporting Letter as follows :

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From: ["Diane Carney"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/07/2011 11:14:41 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

California waterways and rivers have experienced a tremendous amount of destruction at human hands, not the least of which has been the past era of hydrolic mining which deposited millions of pounds of mercury into the rivers. These are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians. Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. More importantly, dredge mining disturbs the mercury in the sediments and suspends it in the water. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm.

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From: ["Jana Castanares"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/06/2011 7:58:34 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

I teach fourth graders about the California gold rush and the environmental havoc wreaked by it. So in addition to the excellent letter below, which was written by the Center for Biological Diversity, I will simply assert that we must be more willing to learn from our own mistakes. I cannot state too strongly that continuing or increasing suction dredge mining in our rivers is a reprehensible, irresponsible, and needless act.

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From: ["Corey Cate"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/06/2011 7:52:50 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game
Public Trust Resources. Your department seems to have lost it's way. I suggest you can change.

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Seems like a no-brainer to me, Sir.
Protection is progress. All else is non-sustainable. It's time to tell special interests (with self interests at heart) "No more."
Thanks

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From: "Jan Charvat"
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/07/2011 3:09:19 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

TO: Mark Stopher, California Dept. of Fish & Game

Protecting our air and water is not just for animals and photographers, but also critical for our own health. Therefore, I ask you to adopt the alternative "no action" so that our rivers and other bodies of water are protected against mining and other polluting activities. Please do not allow "mining" of an economically insignificant amount of gold or other metals or minerals to destroy an entire river or water system.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: ["Pamela Check"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/25/2011 6:10:08 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game:

Stop this. I live in California and I am appalled that such a thing could even be contemplated. Shame on them. This is rape. If they can't get the gold out in a more responsible fashion, they can go to hell, because I'm not going to let them turn my planet into one.

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Date: 04/07/2011 8:16:29 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

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Sport fishing provides more money and more jobs than suction dredge mining. Please support California, and stop your support for the couple handfuls of people that own the mining firms that will destroy our resource.

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From: ["Roger Cole"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/07/2011 2:35:22 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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I have personally seen several streams ruined for swimming and fish, Butte Creek outside Chico, and Fraser Creek and others in Plumas National forest.. State wildlife agency experts and scientists have testified that suction dredge mining harms our waterways and endangered fish. The mechanized mining process to collect small amounts of gold reintroduces mercury from historic mining and churns up mud and silt that deteriorate water quality. Suction dredge mining also destroys aquatic life, harming endangered salmon and impacting the food chain.

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From: "Phillip Cripps"
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CC:
Date: 04/06/2011 10:22:11 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

It seems like there's no end to the ways in which government can trash the planet we live on. California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians. Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm.

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Date: 04/07/2011 11:08:54 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, CA Dept. of Fish & Game

Suction dredge mining is a costly, destructive use of CA waterways that should be ended. As an emeritus member of the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS), I ask you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from further needless harm.

State wildlife agency experts & bioscientists have testified that suction dredge mining degrades our waterways & endangers fish. The mechanized mining process to collect small amounts of gold reintroduces mercury from historic mining. It churns up mud & silt that deteriorate water quality. It destroys aquatic life, including endangered salmon, impacting the entire food chain.

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There is nothing good that can be said about suction dredge mining. A 21st-century CA needs to be rid of this relic of our careless past. Reject it in CA's waterways.

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From: ["RONALD DALTON"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
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From: "CARLA DAVIS"
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CC:
Date: 04/09/2011 4:24:26 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

It's always the right time to do the right thing!!! I am already beyond furious that I, a retired teacher, am paying more taxes than big oil & gas, not to mention GE!!! We have to stop destroying our natural environment, & in turn, ourselves, rather than allowing the corporations to destroy our lives & our planet for their greed!!! PLEASE DON'T LET THIS DESTRUCTION HAPPEN!!!

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Date: 04/06/2011 9:10:41 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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I'm going to try and get Governor Brown to fire you people unless you start protecting our rivers and the fish in them. That asshole actor is not governor anymore in case you idiots haven't heard.

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From: ["Alana Dill"](#)
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That is, unless, you hate fish. In that case, suck away.

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From: "michele dye"
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"When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world" –John Muir

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Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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Date: 04/06/2011 7:49:42 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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I live here, literally in the middle of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers. Old timers talk longingly of the days when you could see the bottom here. Water that clear has not been in these rivers for decades. Today you would be lucky to see your toes while standing in a foot of water. No. I am not kidding.

And Suction Dredge Mining -can not possibly- be helping.

Enough is enough. PLEASE stop this. How much of this river has to die, how dead does it have to be, how many species of fish native to these rivers have to be extinct, before _we get a clue_?

Sincerely,

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From: ["Natalie Ford"](#)
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Date: 04/07/2011 12:40:27 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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Date: 05/04/2011 1:45:10 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

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If you have ever spent a day or time camping at one of our magnificent rivers, you surely know how loud and annoying the sound of suction dredges really is. It not only disrupts life in the water but also pollutes the area with noise.

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Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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Date: 04/07/2011 1:52:46 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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Date: 04/06/2011 8:07:27 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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Someone is making money off this absurdity, but it isn't the state of California or its taxpayers. Perhaps you would better serve California citizens by concentrating on cleaning up your own, obviously rotten house, rather than pandering to mining companies, against all the scientific evidence.

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Date: 04/07/2011 5:10:06 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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Let's stop the ECOCIDE within this generation!!!

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From: "Hester Goedhart"

To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov

CC:

Date: 04/14/2011 6:38:10 PM

Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California Waterways

I value water quality, and fish and wildlife habitat in public waterways more than I value recreational mining. I believe suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use of our rivers. I urge you to adopt the No Action alternative to protect public waterways from needless harm.

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Suction dredge mining destroys our waterways, harms endangered fish and wildlife, and wastes taxpayer money. I urge you put the common interests of all above the gold fever of a few. Let's END the ECOCIDE!!!

Thank you for considering my concerns.

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From: ["Carolyn Gorny"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
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Date: 04/06/2011 8:14:19 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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Furthermore, clean water is vital for California's survival. It is no secret that California is predominantly a desert, without clean water agriculture and business will fail and the residence will suffer. If the preservation of our great states natural beauty and native species is not enough to persuade you that suction dredge mining is a terrible idea, then let the socioeconomic downfalls that may result from such mining convince you to reject this mining method. I understand that there may be short term benefits to allowing mining companies to defile our states natural ecosystem, but these are just short term benefits which will end up costing the state millions to billions of dollars later. I implore you to please think proactively and abandon the myopia that accompanies government agencies and politics. After all, if proactive thinking was adopted 10, 20, or even 50 years ago, we would not have half the troubles we do today.

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Date: 04/07/2011 8:13:50 PM

Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

NO DREDGING EVER / BAN SLEWCE MINING!

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From: ["Elizabeth Guise"](#)
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Date: 04/06/2011 7:45:02 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

Now that our Pacific Ocean's entire ecosystem will be contaminated with radiation - for thousands of years- it's more important than ever to keep our fresh water food sources clean and toxin free.

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From: ["Sara Hayes"](#)
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Date: 04/06/2011 10:50:40 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

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From: "james heartland"
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/06/2011 7:46:48 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

NO! NO!! NO!!!

No matter WHAT the industry tells you, it's a LIE, and EVERY Californian educated in this matter KNOWS it!

California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians. Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm.

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From: ["janet Herbruck"](mailto:janet.Herbruck@dfg.ca.gov)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/07/2011 12:52:08 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

Not only NO but HELL NO! I am sick of big destructive business being given priority over wildlife and our environment.

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From: ["James Herron"](#)
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CC:
Date: 04/06/2011 10:55:44 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

With so many previously unknown issues being realized as causing problems all along the food chain, we need to open our eyes and give fish the breaks they need to survive.

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From: ["Jerome Holt"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/07/2011 6:00:18 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

Come on guys let's start taking care of the environment not destroying it!

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From: ["Michael Houda"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/06/2011 7:59:52 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

It's bad enough that 80% of our streams and rivers in America are polluted with prescription drugs, herbicides, and pesticides. Let's protect our environment! It's the only one we have for us in this biosphere.

California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians. Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm.

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From: ["Paul Howard"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/13/2011 9:10:34 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California Waterways

*** The message below is prewritten but I fully agree with it's content. I live in Oregon, grew up in Wyoming, lived in Montana and Utah and backpacked, fished and bowhunted int all those states plus in California. I would like to see Oregon and California both stop suction dredge mining since it only benefits a very dubious few at the expense of fish habitat, fishing, water quality, and everyone and everything elses enjoyment of the waterways. Thanks - Paul Howard, Corvallis, Oregon. ***

I value water quality, and fish and wildlife habitat in public waterways more than I value recreational mining. I believe suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use of our rivers. I urge you to adopt the No Action alternative to protect public waterways from needless harm.

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In a time of economic crisis eliminating suction dredge mining is even more needed. The state of California historically spends more money processing new suction dredge mining permits than it receives in revenue, wasting valuable taxpayer money on a controvsial and harmful program.

At a minimum, the regulations should be revised to prohibit suction dredge mining in all rivers and streams that provide critical habitat and future recovery areas for threatened and endangered fish and wildlife. I support closing all mercury-impaired rivers and streams, Wild & Scenic Rivers, Wild Trout Streams, and National Parks to suction dredge mining to protect water quality, human health, fish and wildlife.

Suction dredge mining destroys our waterways, harms endangered fish and wildlife, and wastes taxpayer money. I urge you put the common interests of all above the gold fever of a few.

Thank you for considering my concerns.-Paul Howard

Paul Howard
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From: "Lori Hubbart"
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/07/2011 6:51:09 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

California's rivers and streams are under siege from vineyard irrigation, dams both large and small, pollution, sediment runoff and other causes.

These riparian corridors provide irreplaceable ecosystem services for all Californians and are essential for the survival of our fish and wildlife. Now we are expected to accept the devastation of suction dredge mining in our waterways.

Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive process, and should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect our waterways from needless harm.

You have heard testimony from state wildlife agency experts and scientists explaining how suction dredge mining harms our waterways and endangered fish. This mechanized mining process to collect small amounts of gold even reintroduces mercury from historic mining. Suction dredge mining churns up mud and silt that deteriorate water quality, destroys aquatic life, harms endangered salmon and damages the food chain.

In a time of economic crisis, eliminating suction dredge mining is even more important. The state of California historically spends more money processing new suction dredge mining permits than it receives in revenue! Why waste valuable taxpayer money on a destructive program? When budget cuts result in insufficient wardens in the field to enforce the suction dredge regulations, the practice cannot be allowed.

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From: "George Hutchinson"
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/13/2011 4:35:49 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California Waterways

As one whose family rafts and camps along the Lower Klamath River every year, I value water quality, and fish and wildlife habitat in public waterways much more than I value recreational mining. I believe suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use of our rivers. I urge you to adopt the No Action alternative to protect public waterways from needless harm.

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Thank you for considering my concerns, and those of the bulk of the residents of Happy Camp, Ca. who see much tourist business in the Summer based on a healthy, recreation-friendly and dredge-free river.

George Hutchinson
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From: ["darynne jessler"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/06/2011 7:40:54 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

I am told that as a decision maker you won't pay attention to this form letter. Well, I hope that's not true because you absolutely should! I'll tell you why. I work full time. I have to. I'm single. In addition to that I have a full time personal life, a dog, a cat, a horse, you get the picture. Why should my voice not count simply because I want to have a voice on every one of the thousands of matters that effect me and haven't the time to write 10 letters a day? Why would you not take this form letter to heart? It comes from me from the heart? Yes I rely heavily on these form letters. I have a right to! And you have an obligation to understand my explanation of why they exist in the first place. So here is a letter that I've read and am in agreement with.

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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From: "Jennifer Kardos"
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/07/2011 10:13:41 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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We spend many thousands of dollars each year on fly fishing, catch and release on California streams. You will lose not only the fish and animals and wonderful natural habitat but also many millions is lost revenue responsible anglers pour into the California economy.

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From: ["Arthur Kennedy"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/06/2011 10:48:15 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians. Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected.

It is also a goddamn outrageous affront to protected species.

I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm. State wildlife agency experts and scientists have testified that suction dredge mining harms our waterways and endangered fish. The mechanized mining process to collect small amounts of gold reintroduces mercury from historic mining and churns up mud and silt that deteriorate water quality. Suction dredge mining also destroys aquatic life, harming endangered salmon and impacting the food chain.

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From: "Diane Knight"
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/09/2011 12:18:33 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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As a resident of the State of California, it is truly amazing to me how many corporations as well as individuals seem to be hell bent on the destruction of the environment. Once an ecosystem is destroyed it takes millions of dollars to try to get it back. And in reality it can never be restored. This destruction must not be allowed to go forward.

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From: "fred Lifton"

To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov

CC:

Date: 04/13/2011 2:38:37 PM

Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California Waterways

I value water quality, and fish and wildlife habitat in public waterways more than I value recreational mining. I believe suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use of our rivers. I urge you to adopt the No Action alternative to protect public waterways from needless harm. A public good should not be sacrificed to the acquisitive desires of a few.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

fred Lifton
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From: ["karen linarez"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/10/2011 7:21:07 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians. Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm. Have we learned nothing from our history? Mining is still a dirty and destructive industry.

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From: ["Chris Lish"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/29/2011 9:52:51 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

Friday, April 29, 2011

Mark Stopher
California Department of Fish and Game
601 Locust St.
Redding, CA 96001

Dear Mr. Stopher,

California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians. Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the ??no action? alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm.

??Our duty to the whole, including to the unborn generations, bids us to restrain an unprincipled present-day minority from wasting the heritage of these unborn generations. The movement for the conservation of wildlife and the larger movement for the conservation of all our natural resources are essentially democratic in spirit, purpose and method.?

-- Theodore Roosevelt

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??These temple destroyers, devotees of ravaging commercialism, seem to have a perfect contempt for nature, and, instead of lifting their eyes to the God of the Mountains, lift them to the almighty dollar.?

-- John Muir

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??Do not suffer your good nature, when application is made, to say ??Yes?? when you should say ??No??. Remember, it is a public not a private cause that is to be injured or benefited by your choice.?

-- George Washington

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-- Freeman Tilden

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??A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise.?

-- Aldo Leopold

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Please do NOT add my name to your mailing list. I will learn about future developments on this issue from other sources.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

Tourism creates more sustainable jobs than mining. But tourists do not want to swim in dirty water nor is this good for fishing and the numerous businesses that depend on fishing. California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians. Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm.

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Why must we remind YOU that California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians.

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Because of our gold mining history, we should know better than to permit pollution and destruction of our waterways. When we think of SF Bay and the persistent, harmful and immoral effects of the Gold Rush, we should do everything we can to make California waterways better, not worse.

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I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE SPECIAL INTERESTS THAT WANT TO ALLOW THIS BUT I HOPE YOU WILL BE STALWART AND PREVENT THIS.

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We frequent the Trinity Alps area to use our lifetime fishing license memberships in DFG. I don't know if you've seen that area, but it is pretty much still as it was when the dredges and hydraulic miners finished with over a century ago: giant piles of tailings and blasted hillsides along the Trinity River from Coffee Creek to the end of Hwy 3 North and for miles along Hwy 299 South. Many of the spawning grounds have yet to recover from the ruin. Why compound the destruction by allowing this latest technology to once again wreck our native habitats?

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I have been interested in the history of mining in California for many years, and am well aware of its severe impacts upon the natural environment. California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians. Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm.

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To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

We've given TOO much to these mining companies. Somewhere in all of that is our future, and we should want to hang onto that. Our waterways are critical to fish and wildlife, to our lives as well. Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm.

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To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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The environment and wildlife in California defines our state. It is a part of who we are and should not be jeopardized by special interests who only look after themselves. Let's do what we can to look out for all Californians. Let's protect our wildlife and the habitat they live on.

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This archaic style of mining has no place in endangered waterways and is a direct threat to too many species and must be stopped. The equipment stays in place for weeks and weeks and the encampments are often unsightly, messy. Many of the folks who engage in this type of mining are creepy too.

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To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

Why should a few people who want to collect a few scraps of gold ruin rivers for everyone else with their noisy dredges as well as degrade habitat for the fish that depend on those rivers? Are you not the agency that is supposed to protect fish? The fish already have enough problems as it is! As you know, many runs are endangered or extinct.

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The draft EIR to allow suction dredging to continue fails to account for the economic impact that fish bring into the local communities. The draft EIR only recognizes the economic impact of mining activities. Why is that? Suction dredging destroys fish and fish habitat, but no concern is given to the economic impact of fish going extinct.

Also, simply reducing the size of equipment that suction dredging necessitates will do nothing to restore fish habitat nor help protect fish habitat. Suction dredging should stay banned.

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To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

Dear Mark,

There is nothing like walking in a beautiful river valley until you discover a small block V-8 motor operating a suction dredge in the middle of the river. Then your beautiful walk turns into a visit to the 405 fwy. Smelly exhaust fumes linger in the air, a nasty current of river bottom turns the once clear running river into a muddy unnatural state of yuck. Gas cans line the rivers edge. A make shift camp where trash is thrown about recklessly. Trees are cut to provide fire wood. Visitors are intimidated by some dirt bag miner with a .45 strapped to his side. All of this can be yours with a \$125 dollar permit; that nobody checks. That's not my river. Please do not allow undesirables to take over our river valleys.

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State wildlife agency experts and scientists have testified that suction dredge mining harms our waterways and endangered fish. The mechanized mining process to collect small amounts of gold reintroduces mercury from historic mining and churns up mud and silt that deteriorate water quality. Suction dredge mining also destroys aquatic life, harming endangered salmon and impacting the food chain.

In a time of economic crisis, eliminating suction dredge mining is even more important. The state of California historically spends more money processing new suction dredge mining permits than it receives in revenue, wasting valuable taxpayer money on a destructive program. When budget cuts result in insufficient wardens in the field to enforce the suction dredge regulations, the practice must not be allowed.

At a minimum, the regulations must be revised to prohibit suction dredge mining in all rivers and streams that provide critical habitat and future recovery areas for threatened and endangered fish and wildlife (which as far as I know includes all the major rivers in the State.) All mercury-impaired rivers and streams, "wild and scenic rivers," "wild trout streams," and national parks must also be closed to suction dredge mining to protect water quality, human health, fish and wildlife, and cultural resources. Mercury is poisonous and even using river water to reduce the percentage/liter doesn't mean it isn't poison. It is harmful to some fish or aquatic life that lives in or near that disposed poison.

Suction dredge mining is a net loser for the state of California: It destroys our waterways, harms endangered fish and wildlife and wastes taxpayer money. A 21st-century California doesn't need this relic of our careless past. Reject suction dredge mining in California waterways and leave it in the dustbin of history where it belongs.

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From: ["beth Piburn"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/08/2011 1:28:42 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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We need to keep our water supply clean. These substances are harmful to us let alone wildlife. You are suppose to protect, not harm our waterways & wildlife. start doing your jobs.

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From: ["Chris Poehlmann, Friends of the Gualala River"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/07/2011 11:12:18 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

Friends of the Gualala River is concerned that ESA listed fish will be given another setback with new suction dredge mining. Reject this new threat to our watercourses in California.

California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians. Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm.

State wildlife agency experts and scientists have testified that suction dredge mining harms our waterways and endangered fish. The mechanized mining process to collect small amounts of gold reintroduces mercury from historic mining and churns up mud and silt that deteriorate water quality. Suction dredge mining also destroys aquatic life, harming endangered salmon and impacting the food chain.

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Chris Poehlmann
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From: ["Sienna M Potts"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/07/2011 11:36:49 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

It saddens me that we still do not understand how important our rivers & river creatures are. Our environment supports us, we cannot live without its intricate wilderness. We must find new ways to live our good lives in cooperation with each other & with our environment. We are all connected, humans, forests, rivers & salmon -- when they die, we die.

California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians. Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm.

State wildlife agency experts and scientists have testified that suction dredge mining harms our waterways and endangered fish. The mechanized mining process to collect small amounts of gold reintroduces mercury from historic mining and churns up mud and silt that deteriorate water quality. Suction dredge mining also destroys aquatic life, harming endangered salmon and impacting the food chain.

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From: ["Laurie Price"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/08/2011 5:13:29 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

I hope this note finds you well. I understand that California waterways are to be opened up for dredge mining. This is horrific to me. And, on top of that, my tax dollars are going to be used for this endeavor.

If you wish to represent my feelings on this matter, please do not allow this to happen to our waterways. I do not agree that we should have mining companies destroying our rivers to make money for themselves. It doesn't seem right to endanger all sorts of animals and plant life along the waterways.

Please, for the love of the state, do not allow suction dredge mining anywhere near our waters. Please adopt the no action alternative to protect the waterways.

In a time of economic crisis, eliminating suction dredge mining is even more important. The state of California historically spends more money processing new suction dredge mining permits than it receives in revenue, wasting valuable taxpayer money on a destructive program. When budget cuts result in insufficient wardens in the field to enforce the suction dredge regulations, the practice must not be allowed.

I thank you for your time.

Laurie

Laurie Price
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From: ["Andrea Quong"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/08/2011 10:54:54 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

Dear Mr. Stopher:

California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians. Suction dredge mining is step backward, a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm.

State wildlife agency experts and scientists have testified that suction dredge mining harms our waterways and endangered fish. The mechanized mining process to collect small amounts of gold reintroduces mercury from historic mining and churns up mud and silt that deteriorate water quality. Suction dredge mining also destroys aquatic life, harming endangered salmon and impacting the food chain. As you know our salmon and steelhead in the state of California are already declining, endangered, and likely headed to extinction due to numerous unwise land uses in watersheds (logging, habitat destruction, damming) as well as climate change, if we don't act soon.

In a time of economic crisis, eliminating suction dredge mining is even more important. The state of California historically spends more money processing new suction dredge mining permits than it receives in revenue, wasting valuable taxpayer money on a destructive program. When budget cuts result in insufficient wardens in the field to enforce the suction dredge regulations, the practice must not be allowed.

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Sincerely,

Andrea Quong

Andrea Quong
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From: "Terry Raymer"

To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov

CC:

Date: 04/20/2011 9:12:13 PM

Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California Waterways

Dear Mr. Stopher,

As a long time resident of northern California and land owner in southern Oregon, I value water quality, and fish and wildlife habitat in public waterways. I believe suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use of our rivers. I urge you to adopt the No Action alternative to protect public waterways from needless harm. When I enjoy/visit the rivers, I leave them undisturbed. Not so with dredge mining!

State wildlife agency experts and scientists have testified that suction dredge mining harms our waterways and endangered fish. The mechanized mining process to collect small amounts of gold reintroduces mercury from historic mining and churns up mud and silt that deteriorate water quality. Suction dredge mining also destroys aquatic life harming endangered salmon and impacting the food chain.

In a time of economic crisis eliminating suction dredge mining is even more needed. The state of California historically spends more money processing new suction dredge mining permits than it receives in revenue, wasting valuable taxpayer money on a controversial and harmful program.

At a minimum, the regulations should be revised to prohibit suction dredge mining in all rivers and streams that provide critical habitat and future recovery areas for threatened and endangered fish and wildlife. I support closing all mercury-impaired rivers and streams, Wild & Scenic Rivers, Wild Trout Streams, and National Parks to suction dredge mining to protect water quality, human health, fish and wildlife.

Suction dredge mining destroys our waterways, harms endangered fish and wildlife, and wastes taxpayer money. I urge you put the common interests of all above the gold fever of a few.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Terry Raymer
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From: ["John Mark Robertson"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/14/2011 5:57:52 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California Waterways

I value water quality, and fish and wildlife habitat in public waterways more than I value recreational mining. I believe suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use of our rivers. I urge you to adopt the No Action alternative to protect public waterways from needless harm.

State wildlife agency experts and scientists have testified that suction dredge mining harms our waterways and endangered fish. The mechanized mining process to collect small amounts of gold reintroduces mercury from historic mining and churns up mud and silt that deteriorate water quality. Suction dredge mining also destroys aquatic life harming endangered salmon and impacting the food chain.

In a time of economic crisis eliminating suction dredge mining is even more needed. The state of California historically spends more money processing new suction dredge mining permits than it receives in revenue, wasting valuable taxpayer money on a controversial and harmful program. Since California was teetering on the brink of bankruptcy last time I checked, doing this kind of thing wouldn't seem to make a lot of sense.

At a minimum, the regulations should be revised to prohibit suction dredge mining in all rivers and streams that provide critical habitat and future recovery areas for threatened and endangered fish and wildlife. I support closing all mercury-impaired rivers and streams, Wild & Scenic Rivers, Wild Trout Streams, and National Parks to suction dredge mining to protect water quality, human health, fish and wildlife.

Suction dredge mining destroys our waterways, harms endangered fish and wildlife, and wastes taxpayer money. I urge you put the common interests of all above the gold fever of a few. I have relatives living in California and want it to stay the way it is.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

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From: ["Jane Robinson"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/06/2011 7:43:56 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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From: ["Terry Ellen Robinson"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/06/2011 11:33:44 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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Suction dredge mining, which may or may not make one individual rich, is destroying our state's natural heritage of water and drinking water, land, wildlife and fish, and natural beauty.

I am a native Angelo and have lived my entire life in Los Angeles. I ask the CA state government to stop suction dredging now and to forbid any and all suction dredge mining in the future. THE EXISTENCE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA MUST CONTINUE BEING A NATURAL AND BEAUTIFUL HAVEN!

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From: ["Mat Rogers"](#)
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CC:
Date: 05/10/2011 11:22:21 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

With all of the stresses currently on our fish populations, I ask the CDFG not to continue allowing the disruptive practice of dredge mining.

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From: ["Gwen Romani"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/07/2011 10:06:36 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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Please help Protect California, not destroy it.

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From: ["Greg and Laurie Schwaller"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/08/2011 12:06:34 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

As you know, California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians. Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. We urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm.

State wildlife agency experts and scientists have testified that suction dredge mining harms our waterways and endangered fish. The mechanized mining process to collect small amounts of gold reintroduces mercury from historic mining and churns up mud and silt that deteriorate water quality. Suction dredge mining also destroys aquatic life, harming endangered salmon and impacting the food chain.

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We are counting on you. We can't live without clean water, NO suction dredge mining. Thank you.

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From: ["Melissa Schweisguth"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/14/2011 10:31:02 AM
Subject: Please Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California Waterways

I'm an Oregonian who enjoys visiting natural areas through the West, and who understands their value for the health of people and planet.

Thus, I am concerned about suction dredge mining because it is a costly and destructive use of our rivers. I urge you to adopt the No Action alternative to protect public waterways from needless harm.

State wildlife agency experts and scientists have testified that suction dredge mining harms our waterways and endangered fish. The mechanized mining process to collect small amounts of gold reintroduces mercury from historic mining and churns up mud and silt that deteriorate water quality. Suction dredge mining also destroys aquatic life harming endangered salmon and impacting the food chain.

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Suction dredge mining destroys our waterways, harms endangered fish and wildlife, and wastes taxpayer money. I urge you put the common interests of all above the gold fever of a few.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Melissa Schweisguth
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From: ["Nadine Scott"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/06/2011 9:11:33 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

There are inadequate funds to scrutinize this program to the level that is required to protect our waterways!~California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians. Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm.

State wildlife agency experts and scientists have testified that suction dredge mining harms our waterways and endangered fish. The mechanized mining process to collect small amounts of gold reintroduces mercury from historic mining and churns up mud and silt that deteriorate water quality. Suction dredge mining also destroys aquatic life, harming endangered salmon and impacting the food chain.

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From: ["Tena Scruggs"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/06/2011 8:44:18 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

I am a recreational gold miner but I don't want my waterways and marine life jeopardized for my hobby.

California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians. Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm.

State wildlife agency experts and scientists have testified that suction dredge mining harms our waterways and endangered fish. The mechanized mining process to collect small amounts of gold reintroduces mercury from historic mining and churns up mud and silt that deteriorate water quality. Suction dredge mining also destroys aquatic life, harming endangered salmon and impacting the food chain.

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Tena Scruggs
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From: ["Susan Seager"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
CC:
Date: 04/07/2011 10:36:42 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

It's entirely distressing to have to appeal to your department to DO ITS JOB. Most of us believe you are on the side of our state, its resources, and the long-term health of our environment. Then we learn what you're willing to allow and find it entirely undercuts what should be your mission!

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Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

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Please protect our waterways for the health of California citizens and its wildlife. As a resident of Nevada County I want to be able to swim in these rivers for years to come. Please don't succumb to the will of the extraction industries.

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From: ["Caroline Skinner"](#)

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Date: 04/13/2011 9:56:58 PM

Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California Waterways

I strongly oppose suction dredge mining in OR. I support KS Wild and agree with them: we need to stop SDM now. I value water quality, and fish and wildlife habitat in public waterways far more than I value recreational mining. I believe suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use of our rivers. I urge you to adopt the No Action alternative to protect public waterways from needless harm.

State wildlife agency experts and scientists have testified that suction dredge mining harms our waterways and endangered fish. The mechanized mining process to collect small amounts of gold reintroduces mercury from historic mining and churns up mud and silt that deteriorate water quality. Mercury is a known neurotoxin. Keep it out of our water!! Suction dredge mining also destroys aquatic life harming endangered salmon and impacting the food chain.

In a time of economic crisis eliminating suction dredge mining is even more needed. The state of California historically spends more money processing new suction dredge mining permits than it receives in revenue, wasting valuable taxpayer money on a controversial and harmful program. NOT OK for Oregon.

At minimum, the regulations should be revised to prohibit suction dredge mining in all OR rivers and streams that provide critical habitat and future recovery areas for threatened and endangered fish and wildlife. I support closing all mercury-impaired rivers and streams, Wild & Scenic Rivers, Wild Trout Streams, and National Parks to suction dredge mining to protect water quality, human health, fish and wildlife.

Suction dredge mining destroys OR waterways, harms endangered fish and wildlife, and wastes taxpayer money. Put the common interests of all above the gold fever of a few individuals who will not clean up their messes.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

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From: ["Joey Smith"](#)
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Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

I am a native Californian and love learning more about this amazing state. I have been looking into this Suction Dredge Mining and it seems like a classic instance where we look back years later and say 'of course!'

Except in this case even the financial incentive isn't there (such as with gold mining and old growth deforestation) because it's costly and destructive use that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm.

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Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

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PLEASE STOP THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR WATERWAYS AND THE WASTING OF OUR TAX DOLLARS ON OUTRAGEOUS SUCTION DREDGE MINING. PLEASE END SUCTION DREDGE MINING NOW. THANK YOU.

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From: "Flavia Sordelet"
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Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the water lifeblood for all Californians. Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect California's waterways from needless harm.

State wildlife agency experts and scientists have testified that suction dredge mining harms our waterways and endangered fish. In fact, the CA DFG DEIS on Suction Dredging identified 9 significant impacts to watersheds, water quality, and fish and wildlife that the ill practice produces. In addition, the mechanized mining process to collect small amounts of gold reintroduces mercury from historic mining and churns up mud and silt that deteriorate water quality.

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From: ["Rick Sparks"](#)
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Date: 04/13/2011 11:59:38 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California Waterways

Recreational mining provides diversion to a few at great expense to the many, as well as to the environment. Recreational mining is a costly and destructive use of our rivers. I urge you to adopt the No Action alternative to protect public waterways from needless harm.

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Suction dredge mining destroys our waterways, harms endangered fish and wildlife, and wastes taxpayer money. I urge you put the common interests of all above the gold fever of a few.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

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From: ["Glenn Stewart"](#)
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Date: 04/07/2011 12:13:00 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

As a Professor Emeritus of Zoology and Environmental Science, and a native resident of California, I know that California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians. I have seen suction dredge mining in action and can verify that it is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect our waterways from needless harm.

The mechanized mining process to collect small amounts of gold reintroduces mercury from historic mining and churns up mud and silt that deteriorate water quality. Suction dredge mining also destroys aquatic life, harming endangered fish and frogs and impacting the food chain.

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Thank you for your attention to my comments!

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From: ["mark Sutherland"](#)
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Date: 04/11/2011 2:19:54 PM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

As a former gold dredge operator I ask you to think long and hard before you allow it again. California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians. Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm.

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From: ["Terelle Terry"](#)
To: dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov
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Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

I attended a meeting in Sacramento recently and submitted some testimony in writing. The meeting started at 5:00 PM. The number for order of comment that I was given was too high to ever be heard. The meeting could have started earlier, with some evening time for people who have day jobs.

I also was unaware that my tax dollars were subsidizing dredging now. This is why I am submitting additional comments.

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It's time to put this process to rest!

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From: ["David Walker"](#)
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Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

Please, PLEASE, stop all suction dredge mining immediately! California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians. Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm.

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Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

Excuse me, but are you the California Department of Mining Subsidies under another name? California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians. Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm.

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Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

As a former law student who studied international marine environmental law, I learned the devastation that dredging causes our environment, our marine ecology, and the future economic prospects of the local area fisherman and tourism. I grew up loving the oceans and mountains, a southern Californian lucky enough to attend UCLA and go to the beach for breaks. I learned that California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians. Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm.

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Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

We must protect our precious waterways. NO MINING, NO POLLUTION, NO DESTRUCTION!

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California is more progressive than a lot of the rest of the country. That's why we have such tough environmental laws. We know better than to do dredge mining. Dredge mining is SO 19th century. Been there, done that, wrecked lots. Don't need to do it again.

Tell the greedy, seedy corporations NO! If our Fish and Game Department has been playing footsie with avaricious corporations, then we need more oversight of the Department--like a citizen keeper to stop sweet deals. The answer is NO! NO! NO! Stop the greedy corporations (who probably aren't even headquartered in California) from ruining our beautiful land, air, water, flora, and fauna to satisfy their obscene monetary lust. This land is MY land, and I say NO!

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Date: 04/07/2011 10:02:46 AM
Subject: Reject Suction Dredge Mining in California

To: Mark Stopher, California Department of Fish and Game

California waterways are critical to our fish and wildlife, and the lifeblood for all Californians. Suction dredge mining is a costly and destructive use that should be rejected. I urge you to adopt the "no action" alternative to protect these waterways from needless harm.

State wildlife agency experts and scientists have testified that suction dredge mining harms our waterways and endangered fish. The mechanized mining process to collect small amounts of gold reintroduces mercury from historic mining and churns up mud and silt that deteriorate water quality. Suction dredge mining also destroys aquatic life, harming endangered salmon and impacting the food chain.

In a time of economic crisis, eliminating suction dredge mining is even more important. The state of California historically spends more money processing new suction dredge mining permits than it receives in revenue, wasting valuable taxpayer money on a destructive program. When budget cuts result in insufficient wardens in the field to enforce the suction dredge regulations, the practice must not be allowed.

At a minimum, the regulations must be revised to prohibit suction dredge mining in all rivers and streams that provide critical habitat and future recovery areas for threatened and endangered fish and wildlife. All mercury-impaired rivers and streams, "wild and scenic rivers," "wild trout streams," and national parks must also be closed to suction dredge mining to protect water quality, human health, fish and wildlife, and cultural resources.

Suction dredge mining is a net loser for the state of California: It destroys our waterways, harms endangered fish and wildlife and wastes taxpayer money. A 21st-century California doesn't need this relic of our careless past. Reject suction dredge mining in California waterways and leave it in the dustbin of history where it belongs.

In these bad economic times, please save the state some money and cease on these permits. Allow our waterways to run clean, clear water and keep our fish free of mercury. I want none of this happening in my National Parks. If you can give me good reasons why this is a good thing, please let me know.
Thank you.

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