

**Appendix F**  
**FORM LETTER 4 AND VARIANTS**



## Form Letter 4

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.



**Form Letter 4**  
**VARIANTS**



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**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 1:06:23 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

Stop the Madness. Our ecosystems are worth more than gold. They belong to everyone, now just a greedy bunch of selfish Irresponsibles. California's streams and rivers USED to be teeming with trout and other wildlife. What happened?

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lynne Allen  
PO Box 1143  
Burbank, CA 91507-1143

**From:** ["Renate Andrasevitsreed"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
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**Date:** 05/04/2011 3:06:25 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

Humans have done enough damage - please stop this.

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Renate Andrasevitsreed  
1446 W 216th St  
Torrance, CA 90501-3031

**From:** ["Laquitta Andrews"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 6:35:24 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home. Particularly speaking, when the frogs are gone, it means that the ecology system is badly damaged. Each being has an important roll to play in order to maintain balance. Some of their purpose may not even be known to us. The less we do to disturb nature benefits all of us.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Ms. Laquitta Andrews  
18452 Hershey Rd E  
Tuolumne, CA 95379-9627

**From:** ["Cristie Ayers"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
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**Date:** 05/04/2011 2:37:32 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Thank you very much for listening to us about our waterways. It's very important for us and our wildlife.

Cristie Ayers  
Los Angeles, CA

Sincerely,

Ms. Cristie Ayers  
1744 Brockton Ave  
Apt 201  
Los Angeles, CA 90025-3897

**From:** ["Aggeliki Barberopoulou"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 1:10:51 AM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

No one should believe we can hide from contaminated water. It is like committing suicide....

Sincerely,

Miss Aggeliki Barberopoulou  
3620 S Vermont Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90089-0097

**From:** "Daniela Arnon"  
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**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/15/2011 8:06:29 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Our California Waterways

May 15, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

I live in California resident and I support the work of Defenders of Wildlife. I feel worried about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

This surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Also this type of mining can pollute our water with mercury, and this is very dangerous to the human brain and nervous system. I feel that one of the most important things to do is to keep our waters pure and clean, and I would like you to join in my vision of all the waters running clean once again. In the meantime, I think it is a terrible idea to create more water pollution. Remember that without clean water, clean air and a healthy and pure food supply, all the money in the world is worth nothing.

The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways harms animals, fisheries and our drinking water

I'd like to see much stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

I ask that you act in the strongest way to protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

This is one of the most important things we can do and I am counting on you to revise the regulations and to do the right thing!

Sincerely,

Ms. Daniela Arnon  
3395 S Higuera St  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-6958

**From:** ["Mark Bauman"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 1:14:14 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

ARE YOU KIDDING? WHAT GOOD COMES FROM GOLD MINING, EVER?  
HAVE YOU NO SENSE OF MORALITY, AND NO UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURAL  
WORLD YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT...GROW THE HELL UP! DON'T ALLOW  
MURDER OF HABITAT FOR THE SAKE OF GREEDY MINING CORPORATIONS...

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am  
concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's  
regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

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salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

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I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the  
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adequately do this.

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with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the  
dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and  
the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Bauman  
2020 Albany Dr  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401-3608  
(707) 546-2468

**From:** ["Vernon Belanger"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 12:34:54 AM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Let your children be able to fish because you protected the rivers for them.

Sincerely,

Mr. Vernon Belanger  
PO Box 293  
Philo, CA 95466-0293

**From:** ["Karen Lee Bilbrey-Zengel"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 12:35:06 AM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

What are we now? Miners from the 49ers era? Come on!! Technology certainly doesn't need to go backwards when it comes to protecting our environment.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home. Let's not even get into the whole mercury argument because we already know that mercury from centuries and decades past is currently destroying our waterways.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

You're the lawmaker. Get it right!!

Sincerely,

Ms. Karen Lee Bilbrey-Zengel  
4759 McHenry Gate Way  
Pleasanton, CA 94566-4534  
(925) 931-1399

**From:** ["Bob Blakey"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 1:34:49 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

PLEASE DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO INSURE THE PURITY OF OUR DRINKING WATER  
!!! In these economic times a lot of us are resorting to tap water to  
drink and we have to be able to have faith in it.

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am  
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regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Bob Blakey  
475 E Badillo St  
Covina, CA 91723-2214

**From:** ["Jon Blaney"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

The water gives life to everything, you lawmakers drink it everyday, it flows in your veins, your mom drinks it, your kids drink it, your gold fish drinks it, if you keep doing everything for the now and not for the future you will just end up killing your self and your offspring and their offspring, What makes you think letting gold mining companies in and harming our water will really do for your kids? Is the money worth it that much really? Water has kept you and your whole family alive, without it you wouldn't be here, so please, show water some respect and protect it, don't sell it. That's all i'm saying.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jon Blaney  
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Santa Clarita, CA 91390-4294  
(661) 297-3677

**From:** "Alison Blume"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 2:33:57 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

I am a California resident and I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining needs to be questioned. It is dangerous for drinking water and a threat to the ecosystem including fish and other animals.

I support stronger regulations that monitor this practice and your current proposal does not adequately do this.

It is fair and reasonable to request that this industry adopt more sustainable practices that will keep this area a vibrant place for animal habitat. The department of Fish and Game should request that this company invest in cleaner business technology to ensure the protection of our wildlife and sources of drinking water. Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Ms. Alison Blume  
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Novato, CA 94945-3205  
(415) 686-8854

**From:** "GILIANNA BONFIETTI"  
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**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 1:35:43 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

WAKE UP PEOPLE! Let's not loose any more of our precious wildlife on your watch!

Sincerely,

Ms. GILIANNA BONFIETTI  
5354 Colfax Ave  
Apt D  
North Hollywood, CA 91601-3047

**Subject:** PLEASE Protect California Waterways

**Date:** Wednesday, May 4, 2011 10:35:57 AM PT

**From:** Matthew Brookens (sent by Defenders of Wildlife <ecomunications@defenders.org>)

**To:** dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

I believe that time will show that these species and our water ways are far more valuable than the minerals found in the riverbeds that we are destroying them for.

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Matthew Brookens  
2141 N Cahuenga Blvd Apt 7  
Los Angeles, CA 90068-2779  
(213) 309-5336

**From:** ["Alfred Brown"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 12:06:01 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

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CA

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

I am tired of the constant lack of real concern for the natural world and the safety concerns of the people of the State, the country and the world by "regulating bodies" in dealing with the special, greedy interests of a few! Do your job!

Sincerely,

Mr. Alfred Brown  
4473 Montgomery St  
Oakland, CA 94611-4207

**From:** ["Barbara Bullas"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 1:03:55 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways. Obviously, you have not seen the devastation, death and destruction of the people and the wildlife attendant to the gold mining operations in Africa. It's on Google - - and if you see the horror, you might want to take action NOW.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Barbara Bullas  
PO Box 51844  
Pacific Grove, CA 93950-6844  
(831) 646-8218

**From:** ["Anna Calame"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
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It is not ONLY the fish, the wildlife, the planet - evrything is interrelated and affects each other. It WILL come back to us. By eating contaminated fish and other animals, plants. We have the capacity to be intelligent - please don't listen to your5 biocomputer's program - the mind; use intelligence!!!

Sincerely,

Ms. Anna Calame  
10983 - 128A Street  
Surrey, B.C., CA 11111  
(604) 582-3821

**From:** ["Kathryn Carter"](#)  
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**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 10:35:27 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

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Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water. There is not enough payoff for this practice, not enough gold and not enough of the river environment left to enjoy!

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kathryn Carter  
1765 Pine Ave  
Petaluma, CA 94954-3629

**From:** "P Chu"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 3:06:17 AM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

Mercury in our drinking water.....way to go, Dept of Fish and Game.  
Just who are you supposed to be protecting??? Pocket books of miners  
or wildlife and safe drinking water for your families and ours???  
Hope you are courageous enough to protect the defenseless.

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am  
concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's  
regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

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Sincerely,

Ms. P Chu  
3020 Gough St  
San Francisco, CA 94123-3003

**From:** "Gary Clark"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
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California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

I would like to add that since moving here next to Boulder Creek and seeing in 2005 a 9lb Salmon and 5lb Salmon mate and produce 30 fry in our pool below our home.

Then in 2006, 25 of them came back.

In 2007, 15 only made it.

In 2008, we only saw 10.

Then in 2009, a survey was done on three creeks along the Northern California Coastline - Soquel Creek - Capitola Creek and Boulder Creek.

During this time, I went outside on my deck and looked down and I was watching as a gentlemen in a wet suit and his lady assistant were looking into my pool, and then they informed me that they had found the only Salmon in any of the three creeks, here in our pool.

Last year(2010) we recorded Six 7-inch long fries that got back, this year with the high water levels we hope to see more of our children.

I do not want this to happen to this Creek, as it would kill what would appear to be the only Salmon run actually left out of these three Creek systems in Northern California.

Sincerely,

Mr. Gary Clark  
14571 Big Basin Way  
Boulder Creek, CA 95006-9220

**From:** ["Anne Cohen"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 1:38:07 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Mercury is a nerve poison! Please protect us from it!

Sincerely,

Ms. Anne Cohen  
100 Thorndale Dr Apt 148  
San Rafael, CA 94903-3583

**From:** ["Elizabeth Cole"](#)  
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**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 4:05:37 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

Many aquatic species would be harmed, and possibly endangered irreparably, by allowing surface dredging for gold. these are species fishermen are dependent upon for livelihood, consumers are dependent upon for food, and species critical as food for birds, sea life, and animals in riparian areas. Please don't allow short-term lures further undermine long-term sustainability.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Ms. Elizabeth Cole  
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Apt 101  
Pasadena, CA 91101-3915  
(626) 356-4749

**From:** ["C Connolly"](#)  
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**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 2:34:47 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

In these times of decreasing Salmon and other fish/wildlife in our waterways, we need to be vigilant. As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home. WE NEED TO PROTECT OUR CONTINUED FISH AND NATURAL HABITAT THEY THRIVE IN.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mrs. C Connolly  
PO Box 188  
Soquel, CA 95073-0188

**From:** "Christopher Cooper"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 7:05:20 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

I am a California resident and I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

From what I've read, surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, potentially harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that rely on the river for their needs.

Another of my grave concerns about this type of mining is the potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water. EVERYONE KNOWS THAT MERCURY IS LETHAL!

Of course, I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not appear to adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. Christopher Cooper  
8222 De Longpre Ave  
Apt 4  
West Hollywood, CA 90046-3728  
(323) 650-4351

**From:** ["Maria Cristini"](#)  
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**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 1:05:57 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

It is a choice based in greed and doesn't consider the bigger impact not only to our local habitats but to all life. When we consider how connected we all are, we see how damaging our greed choices are.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maria Cristini  
770 De Haro St  
San Francisco, CA 94107-2730

**From:** ["Penelope Delevoryas"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 11:05:39 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident, a wildlife biologist, and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways will most likely poison animals, fisheries and our drinking water. There is no safe level of mercury and it can cross the blood-brain barrier.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this. The Department's stated purpose is to protect the fish and wildlife in the State of California. The Department needs to step up and hold the line to protect the State's wildlife resources.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Ms. Penelope Delevoryas  
PO Box 24474  
San Jose, CA 95154-4474

**From:** ["Francis de Winter"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 8:05:30 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I consider it intensely stupid (and corrupt) to allow some people and companies to profit by trashing streams to "un-bury" gold, so that it then can be buried again at Fort Knox. Why make this vandalism profitable, when only the vandals can possibly profit?

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. Francis de Winter  
PO Box 8425  
Santa Cruz, CA 95061-8425  
(831) 475-2210

**From:** "J Eiser"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 1:36:35 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

THE LINE MUST BE DRAWN NOW. THE EARTH IS NOT OURS ALONE. WE HAVE INTELLIGENCE AND SHOULD EXERCISE IT AS STEWARDS FOR ALL LIVING ORGANISMS AND OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Sincerely,

Mr. J Eiser  
621 Brocton Ct  
Long Beach, CA 90803-6339

**From:** ["Judy Elbring"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 1:08:19 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

Apparently the killing of wildlife can still be justified by the harvesting of precious gold. How far from being the fine humans we can be must we slip before wearing yet one more gold ring is reason enough to destroy entire ecosystems. How about if the animals being destroyed are human animals. Far enough then to call a stop to it?

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Ms. Judy Elbring  
6770 Eagle Ridge Rd  
Penngrove, CA 94951-9573

**From:** "Lynden Emerson"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 3:35:37 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

AND ever since the Fukushima Nuclear Melt Down, knowing the levels of harmful radiation not only in Japanese waters but in other Oceans around the world, I have stopped eating any ocean caught fish. I do this because I am recovering from cancer and have to be extremely careful about what I ingest. I long ago stopped eating farm raised fish because the toxins in their bodies resulting from living in such close/teaming proximity to other fish, is too high for my weakened immune system. My recent decision was to eat only mountain river trout. So, now I learn that their habitat is about to be destroyed because of GOLD mining!!! Enough is enough. Give those of us who have something worthwhile to contribute to society, even though are bodies are weak, a chance to continue. As an agency designed to protect non-two legged living beings, don't sell out to the greed of lobbyists, stand with human beings and their health and well-being, and stand up for the swimming, flying, furry, and slithering animals you are paid to protect!

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lynden Emerson  
PO Box 5951  
Huntington Beach, CA 92615-5951

**From:** ["Steven Encinas"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/08/2011 9:47:56 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 8, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

I am writing out of concern about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways. Water is one of our most valuable resources, and we need to stay vigilant in preserving its quality.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. Steven Encinas  
221Sunnyslope Ave  
Petaluma, CA 94952-4136

**From:** "Lisa Eriksen"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 2:06:38 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Must we constantly destroy our environment for monetary gains. Human beings are not taking proper care of our planet it is sickening, and it must stop.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lisa Eriksen  
307 Via Mesa Grande  
Redondo Beach, CA 90277-6641

**Subject:** Reject Harmful Suction Dredge Mining- Protect California Waterways

**Date:** Wednesday, May 4, 2011 11:05:28 AM PT

**From:** Jonathan Evans (sent by Defenders of Wildlife <ecomunications@defenders.org>)

**To:** dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident I oppose suction dredge mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

Imperiled wildlife, songbirds, and numerous aquatic wildlife species would be gravely impacted, along with current and future recovery projects for that wildlife.

Please reject suction dredge mining to protect of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jonathan Evans  
3800 Bayo St  
Oakland, CA 94619-2014

**From:** ["Jo Falcon"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 1:07:01 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

With the state of California desperately strapped for cash, I'm amazed and disgusted that Fish & Game is prepared to sacrifice the beauty and purity of California rivers -- and the tourism, fishing and recreational uses, the already threatened salmon industry, agriculture, and many other bastions of our economy -- in order to allow gold dredging for the benefit of a few corporations that will likely find loopholes to avoid so much as paying state tax on their take. Please, rethink this!

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water. Google "Minamata Disease" if you doubt this is a serious threat.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jo Falcon  
672 Prentiss St  
San Francisco, CA 94110-6130

**From:** ["Stuart Flashman"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 7:04:45 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident, a biologist, and an environmental attorney, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's proposed regulations on surface dredge gold mining in the state's waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home. Many animals, particularly anadromous fish, lay their eggs on the beds of California's rivers and streams, often in the upstream areas most likely to be subject to surface dredge gold mining. The mining has the potential to inflict immense damage on these fish populations, many of which are already under extreme stress from excess water expropriation, rising water temperatures due to global warming, and other human impacts on their environment. Indeed, a number of fish and frog species are federally and/or state listed. Any proposals for allowing surface dredge mining need to address protecting these animal species from both direct and cumulative impacts on them and their habitat. The proposed regulations do not appear to have adequately addressed these issues.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm downstream animals, plants, fisheries and our drinking and agricultural water.

Further, your current proposal does not include adequate and enforceable monitoring requirements, including requiring that monitoring be done by individuals or entities that are independent of any mining operations, are adequately certified as being capable of conducting accurate observations, sampling, and testing, and required to both promptly report the results and prominently flag any results indicating a potential problem. Those being issued permits need to, through their permit fees, provide adequate funding for both the monitoring and enforcement of permit conditions.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and revise the proposed dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stuart Flashman  
5626 Ocean View Dr  
Oakland, CA 94618-1533  
(510) 652-5373

**From:** "Steven Fleming"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 2:05:32 AM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Don't be stupid. This kind of thing destroys our DRINKING WATER in favor of a buck. We won't have it.

Sincerely,

Mr. Steven Fleming  
10720 Lake Blvd  
Felton, CA 95018-8901

**From:** ["James Foley"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 4:05:25 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

Furthermore, salmon populations, upon which a diverse array of industries depend, and which need protection now more than ever before, are threatened by this human activity.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. James Foley  
1700 El Camino Real  
Spc 1-7  
South San Francisco, CA 94080-1262

**From:** ["Barbara FRantonius"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 11:05:38 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

But ! I am also not willing to kil off the livelihood of those who live in impacted areas, such as those in the central valley impacted by water conservation for some smelt in San Francisco and Sacramento Bay.

Sorry, there has to be a balance. Cutting off the water to farmers who have vested a lifetime of interest in fruit and agriculture crops which feed our nation during the winter months is just WRONG. Drive the valley... it is right out of the Grapes of Wrath... and there is a LOT wrong with CA politics which allows that.

Figure out a balance. This is not it and you sit and collect salaries and do little other than rationalize your being.. I agree with the rest of this. I just don't know there is no other way.

Sincerely,

Ms. Barbara FRantonius  
21402 Lake Forest Dr  
Apt E  
Lake Forest, CA 92630-6068  
(661) 264-0439

**From:** ["Cary Frazee"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 2:35:03 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

Please protect our aquatic critters! It is so important that we not further harm amphibians, reptiles and fish that are already suffering from environmental degradation.

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Dr. Cary Frazee  
499 Redmond Rd  
Eureka, CA 95503-9592

**From:** ["Susana Fung"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 1:35:20 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

Personally, we should ban fishing. We should ban water contamination, biodiversity lost and we should ban destroying any living beings habitat.

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

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Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Susana Fung  
2151 Sterling Ave  
Menlo Park, CA 94025-6505

**From:** ["Celia Galvan"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 9:11:25 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

We need you to do more not less to protect our waterways.

Sincerely,

Ms. Celia Galvan  
4593 N Eddy Ave  
Fresno, CA 93727-7207  
(559) 322-1484

**From:** ["Cynthia Garcia-Doane"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 10:35:09 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Don't let these companies poison us and the planet for profit!!!

Sincerely,

Ms. Cynthia Garcia-Doane  
PO Box 5536  
Ventura, CA 93005-0536

**From:** ["Vicki Gavel"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 12:35:29 AM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

This earth is an amazing gift to us, and it's ecosystems a source of wonder. We are called to treat all inhabitants with respect and reverence.

Sincerely,

Ms. Vicki Gavel  
348 E Smith St  
Long Beach, CA 90805-2919

**From:** ["Charles Goodart"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 1:07:06 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

I am a resident of Plumas County, where there is a lot of dredge mining. If asked to choose between miners and wildlife, I am completely on the side of wildlife. I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. Charles Goodart  
PO Box 1048  
Quincy, CA 95971-1048

**From:** ["Vicki Hall"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/09/2011 7:49:54 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 9, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. Moreover as a resident of Placer County I am well aware that there is already Mercury in our rivers that will become much more dangerous if disturbed. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,  
Vicki Hall

Sincerely,

Ms. Vicki Hall  
2900 Eagle Rock Rd  
Penryn, CA 95663-9623

**From:** "Hilde Heidt"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 1:35:09 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident, owner of Merced River frontage property since 1977, witness to years of suction dredging up and down the Merced in front of our house and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

I have personally witnessed how surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home as mining claims every 800 feet bring miners and mining groups to our environment.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water. Hundreds of families come each summer to the Merced Recreation Area below Briceburg as Yosemite Park fills it's campgrounds just 25-35 miles upstream.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Ms. Hilde Heidt  
PO Box 767  
Mendocino, CA 95460-0767

**From:** ["Daniel Helsel"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 1:05:00 AM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

More study needs to be done on how best to monitor dredging activities in California streams and rivers. How will this type of dredging effect the various fisheries that drpend on clean streams and rivers

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. Daniel Helsel  
9100 Highway 175  
Kelseyville, CA 95451-7822  
(702) 434-8898

**From:** ["Deborah Hemstock"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 4:25:16 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

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I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

People are just killing ourselves off. To take a step backwards and allow suction dredging again boggles my mind. You know, someday there isn't going to be any clean water left on earth if we don't wise up right now.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Deborah Hemstock  
4337 Maddie Cir  
Stockton, CA 95209-3768

**From:** "Donald Hill"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 4:04:38 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

Suction mining? Really? Don't you learn from history? Salmon fisheries STILL haven't (and probably never will) recovered from the dredges and Hydraulics of the LAST gold rush. Your responsibilities are to the people of California and the ecology of the waterways. Let the gold miners solve their own problems and NOT on the backs of the people and wildlife of this great state.

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. Donald Hill  
1040 Iroquois Ave  
Livermore, CA 94551-1811

**From:** ["Robert Hill"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 1:05:19 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

There must be ways of retrieving gold without the environmental damage that would be caused by the mining methods currently proposed.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. Robert Hill  
865 Walnut Ave  
Walnut Creek, CA 94598-3736

**From:** ["Rodney Hill"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/07/2011 3:45:13 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 7, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

This practice must stop to save the salmon!

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. Rodney Hill  
12682 Princeton Dr  
Auburn, CA 95603-2983

**From:** ["Donald Hoffman"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 1:35:53 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Some other form of mining must be developed ( if there isn't one existing) to mine without destroying the natural habitat of these living species.

I am especially concerned about the release of mercury into our drinking and other water. What are the statistics involved here? Please let me know.

Sincerely,

Mr. Donald Hoffman  
284 E Collins St  
Oxnard, CA 93036-1678

**Subject:** No Poluting Calif. Waters

**Date:** Thursday, May 5, 2011 12:35:00 AM PT

**From:** Ted Hoffner (sent by Defenders of Wildlife <ecomunications@defenders.org>)

**To:** dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

No, no, no mercury in our water!

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ted Hoffner  
14 Shasta  
Wasco, CA 93280

**From:** "Harvey Holland"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 5:36:26 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home. Although my wife and I are owners of a patented mining claim, we are against suction dredging due to the damage to wildlife that can be done.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. Harvey Holland  
PO Box 64  
El Portal, CA 95318-0064  
(209) 379-2458

**From:** ["craig\\_houchin"](mailto:craig_houchin)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 12:36:46 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

And, lastly, as an outdoorsman and former Boy Scout leader I saw first hand what even small-time gold mining operations have done to destroy not only the animal habitat but the scenic beauty of many of the seasonal waterways in Angeles National Forest.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Please outlaw suction dredge mining.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. craig houchin  
10668 Vanora Dr  
Sunland, CA 91040-1734

**From:** ["Stephanie Jones"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 7:35:35 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

Protecting our waterways and wildlife means protecting tourism dollars and jobs our economy needs. As you know, California, especially rural areas, depends on fishing and tourism to keep Californians employed. Also, protecting our waterways protects our health.

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stephanie Jones  
4125 Jeffrey Ave  
Sacramento, CA 95820-2554

**From:** ["Pam Kai"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 1:07:54 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

It's time that those who are in power are focusing on the effects of any choices made at this time. The general public has often assumed in the past that the welfare of others were a priority. For many years now, it has been obvious that profit has been at the top of the list. Making wise choices today will fortify our future in so many ways. With every choice, there is an effect. If integrity, responsibility, and honor is not at the top of the list, then we will all suffer in the future.

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Ms. Pam Kai  
252 Almore St  
Monterey Park, CA 91754-6401

**Subject:** Protect California Waterways not private industry..

**Date:** Wednesday, May 4, 2011 2:04:57 PM PT

**From:** Melanie Kaye (sent by Defenders of Wildlife <communications@defenders.org>)

**To:** dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

You guys are part of the department of fish and game, not the department of gold and pollution..act like you know. Your jobs are to protect the water ways, fish and wildlife not a bunch of private corporations. They have done their part to destroy the fish and game already. Stop it now and do your JOBS!

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Miss Melanie Kaye  
PO Box 1272  
Davis, CA 95617-1272

**From:** ["Joyce Kew"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 10:35:10 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

Dear Senators Boxer and Feinstein,  
Having lived in this beautiful state for over 30 years and being an avid supporter of environmental protection, I urge you to protect our precious natural resources including our drinking water.

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Ms. Joyce Kew  
43725 27th St W  
Lancaster, CA 93536-5849  
(661) 948-5514

**From:** "Lumiel Kim-Hammerich"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 12:35:53 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

I think this is a short-sighted solution to our limp budgetary concerns. Our true wealth in California is in our natural resources, attracting millions of visitors every year. Why not focus on that?

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lumiel Kim-Hammerich  
934 Sir Francis Drake Blvd  
Apt 6  
Kentfield, CA 94904-1545

**From:** "Dyana King"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 1:35:03 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways. I just spent 2 days rafting down the Tuolumne river and observed the river and environment still recovering from mining activities that occurred over a hundred years ago.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home. Surely we can prioritize our state's precious water ecosystems over mining profit.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Ms. Dyana King  
1099 23rd St Apt 10  
San Francisco, CA 94107-3470

**From:** "Hilary Kip"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 3:36:12 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

While vaccines have been ruled out as a cause of AUTISM, the increasing presence of MERCURY throughout the biosphere and atmosphere, may be a large culprit. The processing of gold releases Mercury into the water, and YOUR FAMILY, could easily end up drinking this well-known NEUROTOXIN.

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hilary Kip  
7024 Ranchito Ave  
Van Nuys, CA 91405-3335  
(818) 994-6990

**From:** ["Connie Kirkham"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 1:36:20 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

How many other ways can we destroy the lives of animals and their habitats?

Sincerely,

Ms. Connie Kirkham  
1516 Rishell Dr  
Concord, CA 94521-2041

**From:** ["Kalia Kliban"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 12:36:07 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

If I was trying to come up with a technique that would cause maximum disruption of an aquatic ecosystem, I don't think I could do better than dredge mining. Our waterways are important not just for the creatures that live in them, but for us too. Even if you truly don't care about the animals and fish, try a little enlightened self-interest and protect the drinking water we all rely on.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kalia Kliban  
7272 Elphick Rd  
Sebastopol, CA 95472-4706

**From:** ["richard klinger"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 2:36:13 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Years ago, when I was Asst. Atty-General of Montana, I was the state's Environmental Affairs Legal Officer and charged with enforcing the Water Quality Act. I saw, even then, that dredging not only can, but does, change the ecosystem. Many animals depend on river bottoms for breeding. Surface dredging can seriously harm these populations. Frankly, surface dredging should be banned, but in the absence of a total ban, there should be strict enforceable regulations in place that help protect these sensitive areas.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. richard klinger  
4446 Stern Ave  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423-3521

**From:** ["Bonnie Kohleriter"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 5:34:25 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

WE HATE REGULATIONS. YET IF WE JUST CONCENTRATE ON OUR MINING AND EXTRACTING FROM OUR WATER AND EARTH, IN TIME THAT WILL GO AWAY AND OUR FISH AND WILDLIFE WILL BE GONE AS WELL BECAUSE WE DID NOT STOP TO INSURE WAYS TO PROTECT THEM. FISH AND WILDLIFE WAS HIRED TO PROTECT AND MANAGE OUR FISH AND WILDLIFE. DO YOU JOB EVEN IF IT MEANS THE MONEY BOYS WANT TO CARRY ON.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bonnie Kohleriter  
442 Red Wing Dr  
Alamo, CA 94507-2710  
(925) 743-0773

**From:** ["Mindel Krakauer"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 6:06:44 AM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

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I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water. Do you and your family want to drink mercury?

Sincerely,

Ms. Mindel Krakauer  
722 Mariposa Ave Apt 4  
Mountain View, CA 94041-1847

**From:** ["Carole Lacock"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 1:05:16 AM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Air and water are the most important and precious gifts for life. All else is a luxury. Will we, collectively as humans, who some claim to have the highest intelligence on this planet, awake to what is most valuable (more precious than gold) before it is too late?

Sincerely,

Ms. Carole Lacock  
65 Norwich St  
San Francisco, CA 94110-5243

**From:** ["Steve LaDochy"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 1:04:56 AM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water. We are not the only species on this planet.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve LaDochy  
6031 Kauffman Ave  
Temple City, CA 91780-1742  
(323) 343-2222

**From:** ["Ronald Lane"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 1:05:38 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

California has a long history of gold mining which has resulted in polluting many of our lakes and waterways with mercury, making it so that fish have to be consumed in limited quantities or not at all by children. Dredging can eliminate spawning grounds for salmon and other fish. Of course we have dammed most of our rivers, effectively eliminating much of these spawning grounds, so vital to maintaining our environment, the fishing industry and the survival of salmon as a species.

The surface dredge mining industry is microscopic component of our economy. It amounts to almost nothing, yet it threatens forest productivity, the fishing industry, both commercial and recreational, tourism, and as stewards of this earth we have a moral responsibility to protect the environment, and the creatures therein, for future generations.

The last thing we need to do is to relax restrictions on this industry. We need stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game.

Please do the right thing and protect our environment.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ronald Lane  
22880 Pine Lake Dr  
Colfax, CA 95713-9229  
(530) 333-7183

**From:** ["Jan Lawson"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 4:05:57 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Just as coal mining destroys the environment, "mining the bottom of a waterway will do the same. Keeping all of our waterways as close as possible to a natural state is becoming more important day by day.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jan Lawson  
45775 Ocotillo Dr  
Apt 4  
Palm Desert, CA 92260-4639  
(760) 634-4271

**From:** ["James Lieb"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 5:04:58 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

In sum, we did that 150 years ago and the scars are still there. Not again.

Sincerely,

Mr. James Lieb  
204 Center St  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060-4914

**From:** ["barbara lyon"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 8:36:46 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways. Just because our government has so bungled our finances and burglarized our gold stores does not mean we should be conducting stupid harmful mining to gather just a little gold and make a very few irresponsible corporate interests wealthy at the expense of the earth and its inhabitants!

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is the potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Dr. barbara lyon  
PO Box 1175  
Goleta, CA 93116-1175

**From:** ["Michael Madrigal"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 6:04:42 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

My family and I are counting on you to fully protect the quality of our state's water and the numerous plants and animals that require clean and healthy waterways for survival. We count on a safe and clean water supply for our children's future.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Madrigal  
320 E Shaver St  
Apt B  
San Jacinto, CA 92583-4791  
(951) 654-2432

**From:** ["John Martin"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 8:34:39 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

I live near the Almaden Quicksilver mines and I am a professional Chemical Engineer. I am woefully aware that Mercury trailings from the mine have poisoned the Guadalupe River in San Jose. I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Dr. John Martin  
937 Marble Ct  
San Jose, CA 95120-2030  
(408) 841-9219

**From:** "Robin McGann"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 12:36:08 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

How long do we keep having to fight the battle for clean, unpolluted water for ourselves and all the animals who cannot speak for themselves?

Sincerely,

Ms. Robin McGann  
223 Deer Path Ct  
Martinez, CA 94553-6044

**From:** "Jack McGregor"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 11:06:50 AM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

I am a California resident who is concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining is simply too damaging to the river ecosystems to justify the profits gained. As has been the case with mining historically, the profits of the operation are enjoyed by a private few, with the public many left to deal with the externalized costs.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jack McGregor  
23137 Sylvan St  
Woodland Hills, CA 91367-1631

**Subject:** Placer Mining: Next Gen

**Date:** Wednesday, May 4, 2011 11:07:35 AM PT

**From:** Riley McIntire (sent by Defenders of Wildlife <ecomunications@defenders.org>)

**To:** dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

California outlawed Placer Mining years ago. This is similar and should not be allowed.

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. Riley McIntire  
1870 Phillips Way  
Los Angeles, CA 90042-1039  
(323) 259-9359

**From:** "Ken McIntire"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 10:05:27 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining destroys riverbeds, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that live there.

Another grave concern the potential to release mercury into our water. Mercury in our drinking water is already a big concern for many California residents, and this kind of mining would add to the problem.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ken McIntire  
235 Old Ranch Rd  
Woodside, CA 94062-4576  
(650) 851-5935

**From:** ["Ann Mendershausen"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 1:05:14 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

Our rivers have been healthier and more peaceful since Suction Dredging was banned statewide!

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Ms. Ann Mendershausen  
3287 Usona Ridge Rd  
Mariposa, CA 95338-9304  
(209) 742-7734

**From:** ["ralph.mendershausen"](mailto:ralph.mendershausen@dfg.ca.gov)  
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**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 1:35:19 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

DFG overviews on this subject reveal a great lack of significant study. This makes it hard for people to discuss fact and easier to "go with the gut feeling". The fact is we do not know enough about these impacts. New Regulations on Suction Dredging need to be balanced by further study and review. The noise issue is particularly irksome. Saying that the ambient noise by a river is about the same as that of a floating dredge engine, overlooks the fact that the noise and the smell are completely inappropriate to the place. In the case of our area, that is the Wild and Scenic Merced River.

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

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Sincerely,

Dr. ralph mendershausen  
3287 Usona Ridge Rd  
Mariposa, CA 95338-9304  
(209) 742-7734

**From:** ["Timothy Michel"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 9:07:41 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

This is particularly egregious because this isn't just collateral damage to the environment that we all depend upon for our lives and livelihoods, this is a frontal assault on those environments, our livelihoods and our lives.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

This is extremely egregious.

Sincerely,

Mr. Timothy Michel  
20403 Amhurst Dr  
Walnut, CA 91789-1237

**From:** "Faye Mills"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 4:52:23 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

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Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this. Special areas like Wild & Scenic Rivers and Wild Trout Streams are not protected in the regulations, and they need to be.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Ms. Faye Mills  
1580 Rocks Rd  
San Juan Bautista, CA 95045-9731

**From:** "Jo Anna \Jan\ Mitchell"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 7:42:52 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Now that BIG OIL has poisoned our ocean...I suppose our rivers and streams will come next? Enough already!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jo Anna (Jan) Mitchell  
RANCH FORGOTTEN, 70 Carlsen Rd  
Prunedale, CA 93907-1309  
(831) 663-3021

**From:** ["Victoria Monroe"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 5:05:34 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

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Has Mercury become mineral necessary for one own health?

Sincerely,

Ms. Victoria Monroe  
PO Box 1206  
San Pedro, CA 90733-1206  
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**From:** ["Edda Moss"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 1:04:02 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

Ah come on now, there ain't no more gold in there darn hills.  
Let's give the amphibians, fish and other animals a break.  
Leave the water to the animals.

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Edda Moss  
2800 Hidden Springs Cir # 17  
Placerville, CA 95667-3223  
(530) 944-1231

**From:** ["Nicole Nathanson"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 2:06:59 PM  
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May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

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Just fix the problem for goodness sakes!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nicole Nathanson  
1680 Manning Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90024-5810

**From:** ["Erica Nogueira"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 5:21:59 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

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I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

As global warming becomes more evident every day, we need to go back to respecting and honoring our most important mother, Mother Earth!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Erica Nogueira  
1645 Emerald St Apt 1p  
San Diego, CA 92109-3106

**From:** ["P Norton"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 3:05:02 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

River water will end up in human's glass of water as well. Are you invested in the pharama industry as well, stand to make a killing here?  
No pun intended(yeah right)

Sincerely,

Ms. P Norton  
Greenwood  
Kneeland, CA 95549-

**From:** ["Ben Nott"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 1:33:44 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

I have lived in California for a decade as a resident.

Please think of all the children who will live here for the decades and decades afterwards and the land they will live in.

As a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ben Nott  
255 Main St  
Venice, CA 90291-5217  
(310) 450-3501

**From:** ["Kevin O'Gorman"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 9:35:47 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

Don't let mining poison our water -- we have little enough as it is.

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kevin O'Gorman  
545 Morning Rise Ln  
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420-4149

**From:** ["Roy Oldenkamp"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 1:06:06 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

The price of gold today is causing potential catastrophic damage to California. As a longtime California resident and a longtime supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. Roy Oldenkamp  
1336 N Laurel Ave  
West Hollywood, CA 90046-4605  
(323) 252-8907

**From:** "Darby Palmer"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 1:05:24 AM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

Do only good for the earth, animals, water & people...NO more harm to anything!  
xoox

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Ms. Darby Palmer  
626 Madrid St  
San Francisco, CA 94112-3545

**From:** ["Kian Parvaneh"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/12/2011 12:38:48 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 12, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

A grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

Frankly, the animals can go hang; I don't want to be drinking mercury.

After my water's clean, then we can argue about not killing the animals.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kian Parvaneh  
1689 Homewood Dr  
Altadena, CA 91001-2751  
(626) 818-9113

**From:** ["Pc Md"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 2:34:16 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways. Haven't we done more than enough damage to our habitat? Isn't it time to leave well alone?

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home. These species all contribute to our existence and should be protected in all ways possible. Destroying their habitat certainly does not bode well for ours.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water. What are we aiming for here - annihilation of every living thing on our planet? One way of keeping the population under control I 'spose.

I support MUCH. MUCH MUCH stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home not just could, but WOULD be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality AND OUR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF FUTURE GENERATIONS - amend the insanity of the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife, the sources of our drinking water AND OUR LIVES.

Sincerely,

Ms. Pc Md  
PO Box 3709  
Vista, CA 92085-3709

**From:** "[Leah Quenelle](#)"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
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**Date:** 05/04/2011 4:35:32 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

As a former fourth grade teacher, I included discussion of destructive hydrolic mining in my curriculum. I am disappointed to learn that equally harmful methods are being considered for implementation in this day and age.

The ravaging of ecosystems that are home to many creatures we share this state with and the contamination of our water with mercury are unacceptable side effects of destructive mining driven by short-sighted greed.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Ms. Leah Quenelle  
648 Spring Ave  
Morgan Hill, CA 95037-4809

**From:** ["Cynthia Rodriguez"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
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May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
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Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water. I feel that this would significantly affect the health of California residents, many of which drink tap water and rely on our public water sources.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Ms. Cynthia Rodriguez  
10151 Laurel Canyon Blvd  
Pacoima, CA 91331-3848

**From:** ["Myra Rosa"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 2:06:55 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

This proposal is a catastrophe in the making. Please protect California Waterways. It is one of your many duties that we elected you to do. We will take note of the way you vote. Your vote will tell us if you intend to protect California and Californians or if you are protecting special interests and your wallet.

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Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Myra Rosa  
4560 Huggins St  
San Diego, CA 92122-2608  
(858) 964-8159

**From:** ["Linda Ruthruff"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 2:34:04 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

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This is so crazy to allow this type of mining. You are charged with protecting our streams--not allowing destruction. Please think this through again. This is not a good plan.

Sincerely,

Dr. Linda Ruthruff  
3647 Turnwood Ct  
San Jose, CA 95130-1368

**From:** ["David Sandage"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Don't sell out our rivers to make some corporation wealthy!

Sincerely,

Mr. David Sandage  
7145 La Honda Rd  
La Honda, CA 94020-9747

**From:** ["Lynn Sawyer"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
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May 4, 2011

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CA

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Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

SAVE OUR WATER AND WILDLIFE!!

Sincerely,

Ms. Lynn Sawyer  
2929 Edison Ave  
Apt 82  
Sacramento, CA 95821-2454  
(916) 482-2926

**From:** "Jennifer Schmidt"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 7:35:35 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Your decision to protect California's waterways with stronger regulations is extremely important to the health of not only our wildlife but humanity's health.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jennifer Schmidt  
15 Quasar Cir  
Sacramento, CA 95822-4955

**From:** ["Julie Shearer"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 4:35:50 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

After just reading about a hemispheric threat to frogs and other amphibians from a deadly fungus, it is truly discouraging to learn that surface dredge gold mining threatens the ecosystem for amphibians, trout, wildlife and humans through habitat destruction and releases of mercury.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals in our waterways are threatened, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Ms. Julie Shearer  
2431 Woolsey St  
Berkeley, CA 94705-2007

**From:** ["John Shower"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 6:41:21 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways. I have personally seen the damage that they do. As the Executive Director of Moonlight Valley Alliance, I would also like you to consider having much stronger regs. than the feds. re.hard rock mining. The federal government seems unwilling to address rewriting the 1872 Mining Act (putting the priorities where the American electorate wishes them to be).

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. John Shower  
5817 Diamond Mountain Rd  
Greenville, CA 95947-9709  
(530) 284-6856

**From:** ["Jamie Simon"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 1:04:43 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident who enjoys our rivers as a fisherman and a boater and who has seen first hand the impact of mining in rivers in Idaho I am appalled that you would consider allowing this destructive activity in our more precious than gold water resources. Your job is to protect and maintain our fish and game not enable it's destruction. This process is poison and you must stand up against it. If you do not, then you have sold out your integrity and you should quit the public service and openly go to work for the mining industry. At least we will all see where you really stand. I hate having to pick up after failed public servants especially those who benefit from their deception and dishonor.

Only one word will suffice: shame.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jamie Simon  
1714 Eolus Ave  
Encinitas, CA 92024-1518

**From:** "Caleen Sisk-Franco"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 4:05:48 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

I am not only a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am also the leader of the Winnemem Wintu a California Tribe concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

After years of cleanup from surface mining, one would think the government would recognize that surface dredge mining will further destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Besides our concern about the potential to release mercury into our water, our tribe is trying very hard to work on bringing winter run Chinook salmon back to the McCloud River. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Caleen Sisk-Franco  
14840 Bear Mountain Rd  
Redding, CA 96003-7823

**From:** ["Constance Spenger"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/06/2011 9:43:32 AM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 6, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

Our health must come before surface dredge mining. As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

I object to surface dredge mining, which can put mercury in our water and destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other wildlife.

I support stronger regulations that can be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this. Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Constance Spenger  
120 Olivia Ln  
Big Pine, CA 93513-2024

**Subject:** !!!!!Protect California Waterways!!!!!!

**Date:** Wednesday, May 4, 2011 10:34:56 AM PT

**From:** andrew Friend of Defenders (sent by Defenders of Wildlife <communications@defenders.org>)

**To:** dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

This is ALL WRONG, and you know it.

Sincerely,

Mr. andrew Friend of Defenders  
3274 Lynde St  
Oakland, CA 94601-2732  
(510) 533-8805

**From:** ["David Stroud"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 10:35:21 PM  
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May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

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Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Whenever we extract anything from the planet we need to remain vigilant that we are not destroying more than we benefit from. Much of what we destroy is irreversibly irreplaceable.

Sincerely,

Mr. David Stroud  
14343 Northwoods Blvd  
Truckee, CA 96161-7055

**From:** "James Tolonen"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 1:05:34 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Didn't we learn enough in the mid 1800's as to the long term destruction that can occur through ignoring the whole ecosystem values of our public trust watersheds?

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mr. James Tolonen  
PO Box 1379  
Los Gatos, CA 95031-1379

**From:** ["Rebecca Townsend"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 7:34:45 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. MERCURY IS DEADLY!!!! Please use caution!

The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Ms. Rebecca Townsend  
2349 See Canyon Rd  
Sn Luis Obisp, CA 93405-8024  
(805) 627-1722

**From:** ["Andrew Vahldieck"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 6:04:52 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

Dear Director, California Department of Fish & Game: I'm writing you in order to express my deep concern and dismay regarding your proposal to allow harmful suction dredge gold mining in our California rivers. As a California resident and a dedicated supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the contaminating effects of such permissive regulations on our waterways.

I submit that our State rivers, streams and waterways are already contaminated. Why push the established "limits" of water purity and create the cause for further pollution, further ecological damage?

You should be demonstrating heightened awareness that surface dredge mining can destroy precious river ecosystems, harming the already endangered frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Moreover, very grave concerns persist..that this type of mining specifically carries the dangerous potential to release additional toxic mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could seriously harm animals, fisheries and our own drinking water.

I'm writing to state that I strongly object to the adoption of a policy that allows suction dredge gold mining. I ask that you adopt strict rules that only protect these, our natural resources.

And I do strongly urge that you support more strict regulations that can actually be clearly monitored by the Department of Fish and Game. Clearly, your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Please consider carefully how wild animals that live and make their home in our waterways could be vulnerable, along with current and future recovery projects.

Many individuals, groups and organizations have worked hard to protect our rivers and waterways. We have seen how susceptible our natural water resources can be to contamination, to pollution.

I would like to know why your department would intentionally expose our precious, public natural water resources to such unnecessary risks.. merely to allow a few self centered commercial operators to profit from gold mining in OUR rivers?

I ask that you seriously reconsider your overall analysis in view of the greater social and environmental good. Adhere to a not-for-sale-conservationist ethic. Protect our river ecosystems and our water quality. Amend the dredging regulations to expressly ensure reliable protection of both our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely Yours,

Andrew Vahldieck  
223 John Street  
Santa Cruz, CA. 95060

Sincerely,

Mr. Andrew Vahldieck  
223B John Street

Santa Cruz, CA 95060-6330

**From:** ["Dana Vaughanpyle"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 5:05:45 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Please do not allow surface dredging of our waterways.

This mining also has the potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water --US! You and I that is.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Ms. Dana Vaughanpyle  
2060 Amanda Way  
Chico, CA 95928-3717  
(530) 636-4951

**From:** ["Gene Waggoner"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 12:04:49 AM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

We need to take action now before it's too late, and we reach a point these creatures disappear for ever in our rivers and streams. There are other methods of retrieving gold that doesn't destroy the rivers and streams ecosystem.

Sincerely,

Mr. Gene Waggoner  
PO Box 720864  
Pinon Hills, CA 92372-0864  
(760) 868-0968

**From:** ["stuart walker"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 6:35:17 PM  
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May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

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Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

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Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

I would like to know what your motive is to allow this to happen, along with every persons name that backs such a proposal. You do know that what your proposing in straight up against the law of nature, and that tells me your ungodly and completely wrong for your job title. There's enough damage out there to help repair and you want to destroy all of it ? we NEED your Names so you can be reassigned to the military. Or something of that nature...Shame. Now as far as you wanting to destroy life in the name of money, i say those days are over, for the health and Wellbeing of life trumps all manmade blunders, Love all life like you do your family, for we are all related, God will save planet earth, but not the evil wanting to destroy it, hear what i say, i Love you and anything i can do to help, don't hesitate to ask because i am an american child of God, here to help! NO Dredging, No, No, NO.

Sincerely,

Mr. stuart walker  
10521 Gaviota Ave  
Granada Hills, CA 91344-7019

**From:** ["Traci Walker"](#)  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/05/2011 10:07:22 AM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 5, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

clean energy is the SMART and forward thinking way to go. please consider all the damage done by short term energy and mining on "our" lands and make the right choice for california and "our" environment. ALL our future generations are effected by these choices

Sincerely,

Ms. Traci Walker  
PO Box 9256  
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546-9256

**From:** "Chris Wark"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 5:05:29 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

You are destroying our childrens right to have clean waterways and wildlife in their lives.

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Chris Wark  
891 S Walnut St Apt 349  
Anaheim, CA 92802-1768

**From:** ["Frederick Weiland"](#)  
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May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

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Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

How much more evidence do we need that mercury is a dangerous and expensive problem? We are living with its terrible legacy from the gold rush days. Is it impossible for us to learn anything? Dredge mining needs stringent regulations.

Sincerely,

Dr. Frederick Weiland  
4950 Keane Dr  
Carmichael, CA 95608-6049

**From:** ["Ken Werner"](#)

**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)

**CC:**

**Date:** 05/09/2011 6:52:29 PM

**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 9, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout, and other animals that call a river home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is the potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries, and our drinking water.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this.

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

I'm sure you've heard the old adage "it's the man with the gold who makes the rules" -- prove the adage wrong.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ken Werner  
1188 Mission St Apt 1712  
San Francisco, CA 94103-6734

**From:** "Ellen Whelpton"  
**To:** [dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:dfgsuctiondredge@dfg.ca.gov)  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 05/04/2011 3:34:00 PM  
**Subject:** Protect California Waterways

May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

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Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water.

Plus, we have lost almost all the frog species in the last few years, a horror that has gone unnoticed, and wild, healthy trout and salmon will be next! Please don't allow this greedy and destructive bill to become law.

Sincerely,

Ms. Ellen Whelpton  
1536 W 25th St # 282  
San Pedro, CA 90732-4415  
(818) 421-0294

**From:** ["Brian Woods"](#)  
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May 4, 2011

California Department of Fish and Game Section Dredge Program  
CA

Dear Section Dredge Program,

As a California resident and a supporter of Defenders of Wildlife, I am concerned about the California Department of Fish and Game's regulations on surface dredge gold mining in our waterways.

Surface dredge mining can destroy river ecosystems, harming the frogs, salmon, trout and other animals that call it home.

Another grave concern about this type of mining is that potential to release mercury into our water. The mercury that can be released once the dredged material is put back into the waterways could harm animals, fisheries and our drinking water. Remember in the long run that fish and animal populations are worth more than jewelry and other functions gold mining might serve.

I support stronger regulations that can actually be monitored by the Department of Fish and Game, but your current proposal does not adequately do this. Isn't it the Fish and Game's job to prevent these kind of harmful practices? How is this even an issue?

Animals that call our waterways home could be in big trouble, along with current and future recovery projects.

Please protect our river ecosystems and our water quality and amend the dredging regulations to ensure adequate protection of our wildlife and the sources of our drinking water. There should be no gold mining what so ever where critical fish and animal populations depend upon river systems.

Sincerely,

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