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**Fw: Suction Dredging Resolution**  
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Subject Suction Dredging Resolution

Thank you for the resolution in support of suction dredging and against SB 670.

My husband and I moved to El Dorado County 15 years ago because we love living in a more rural area with tremendous opportunities for outdoor recreation including gold mining. It is heartwarming to know we also live in a county where gold prospecting and gold mining are considered respectable endeavors.

We are licensed fishermen as well as suction dredgers and do not understand how dredges operated in full compliance with the Department of Fish and Game regulations is harmful to the salmon fishery. In fact, we have never seen a salmon in the goldbearing waters of the Sierras. We blame all of the dams on the west slope for no migratory salmon. We do see trout in the creeks that we dredge. It looks to us like the trout population is holding its own if not increasing in the waters that my husband and I dredge. We do know that the spawning beds are more conducive to a thriving fish population after we dredge the creek gravels then before when the creek bottom is hard and slick like cement.

Thank you for your aye vote on the suction dredge resolution.

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