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If passed a new bill in the Oregon Senate (Senate Bill 838) would place a 5-year temporary moratorium on suction dredge mining on rivers and streams that provide habitat for salmon, while directing the Governor's office to lead agencies and stakeholders in crafting a proposal for a new regulatory framework for suction dredging in Oregon. This proposal to the legislature would protect salmon habitat, create a fee structure to pay for reasonable enforcement of the rules and safeguard other aquatic species and water quality while simplifying the permit process. One glitch in the bill is that there is no requirement that the regulations to protect salmon be enacted. So we need to ask that they enact the recommended new regulations, otherwise all of those suction dredges will be back on the Rogue, Illinois, Umpqua and throughout Oregon in 2018.

We need to ensure our State Senators know that Oregonian's and tourists want Senate Bill 838 passed, and ensure that it requires the future protection of our treasured rivers, fish and way of life.

We all are so tired of politicians and profiteers destroying wildlife and nature via fracking, pollution, mt top removal, oil and tar sand spills, deforestation, etc., etc. Somehow we need to make them accountable. Public lands and water ways should not be destroyed for the profit of a few (or convenience(. Nature is irriplacable and I am sure that future generations want to inherit a beautiful planet full of many species..not some dump or wasteland bereft of anything but humans and domestic animals. Please care beyond our generation and beyond our species.

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