

From: Jim Yerby
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 12:35 PM
To: Reiley Beth
Subject: Re:

To all members of the Oregon State Environment & Natural Resources Committee,

My names is James D. Yerby and I am a small scale gold dredger in the state of Oregon. I have suction dredged in the rivers and stream of Oregon and California now for well over 40 years and have never harmed a fish or the environment in any way by doing dredging !

I request that all member of this committee vote "NO" on Senate Bill SB 838.

This is a very bad Senate bill that does nothing but bow down to special interest environment groups with not science to back up there claims of harm to fish or the environment.

EIR studies have been done many time over the last 40 years on these issues and have shown "NO harm to fish or the environment".

Can the State of Oregon afford to do the same studies over again at a cost of millions of tax payers money ? Put a stop to this madness now. Vote Senate Bill SB 838 down.

Please make my comments on this issue a matter of record.

Best Regards

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