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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 838
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I am in support of Senate Bill 838 because it is clear that suction dredge mining is a direct threat to Salmon, Steelhead and other fishes that our state and government agencies are spending millions of dollars to protect.

Oregon streams and rivers need every bit of quality habitat possible in order to protect our remaining fish populations. Suction dredge mining removes critical habit, degrades riparian zones, increases sediment, destroys existing salmon reds and can kill macro invertebrates. We simply cannot afford to lose any of our existing habitat or water quality for fish.

As a business owner who relies on Oregon's great fishing opportunities I strongly support SB 838. We need a halt to mining in order to assess the future of this activity in the state. All the work our fisheries managers, state and federal employees do daily to protect fish could be for not if we let this practice run without regulation.

Thanks very much for your time.

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