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Subject: SB 1530 - please support moratorium on suction dredge mining
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Dear Chair Edwards and members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

Please support a five year moratorium on suction dredge mining. A moratorium allows time to develop needed regulations in salmon habitat and time also for tribes to protect cultural resources.

Suction dredging should not be allowed in habitat essential for native salmon, steelhead, lamprey and bull trout, nor in streams already too polluted by turbidity, sediment or toxics like mercury.

The regulations should make it mandatory that dredges would be inspected for aquatic invasive species at existing boat check stations.

Permit fees would be set so that the regulatory program does not burden Oregon taxpayers.

Thanks,

Eva