

As a constituent of Curry County, and the Wild Rivers Coast, I would like to voice my support for the Suction Dredge Reform Bill. This bill has been and is an opportunity for cross-party compromise and for a common goal; To protect our threatened salmon and lamprey populations and preserve multiple uses of our cherished rivers. A conservative 15 to 30% of Oregon's salmon streams would be protected from suction dredging, representing the varied uses and resources of our state, appealing to anglers, farmers, conservationists, and miners. Suction dredging can kill aquatic insects, causing trickle-up effect on fish populations, it can unleash legacy mercury into the water column and water table, and it can disturb redds and kill off the incubating salmon and lamprey eggs/frys. SB 3-A is a huge step to protecting every Oregonians' right to clean water, healthy salmon populations, thriving river ecosystems, and diverse recreation. This is the legacy we want to leave next generation Oregonians.

Thank you for your time,
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