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TOM QUINTAL SMALL SCALE MINER FOR 30 YEARS WITH FEDERAL MINING CLAIMS.

I WAS ONE OF 5 MINERS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE GOVERNORS STUDY GROUP ATTENDING 6 MEETINGS ONCE A MONTH FROM 10:30 AM TO 3:30 PM.

THANK YOU SENATOR DEMBROW & SENATOR BATES & SENATOR BOQUIST

FOR ATTENDING A FEW OF OUR GOV. STUDY GROUP MEETINGS.

THIS IS A QUICK OVERVIEW OF MY EXPERIENCE WITH THE GOVERNORS STUDY GROUP AND THE END RESULTS IN MY OPINION WERE A MISERABLE FAILURE AND THAT APPEARS TO BE WHY WE HAVE SB 830. PLEASE SEE **ALSO PLEASE SEE EXHIBITS FOR STATE PERMITS & NOTICE HOW IN 2002 ODEQ 700J WAS ONLY 5 PAGE PERMIT IN 2010 IT WAS 10 PAGES IN 2014 IT WAS 12 PAGES IN 2015 IT IS 15 PAGES IN JUST 13 YEARS FROM A 5 PAGE PERMIT. OUT OF CONTROL.** 

## **DEQ 600 WPCF INLAND HIGH BANKING PERMIT 9 PAGES**

## DSL GENERAL AUTHORIZAION PERMIT IS 5 PAGES.

WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW ABOUT THIS STUDY GROUP IS NONE OF THE STAKE HOLDER VOTED TO SUPPORT WHAT IS IN SB830. THE ONLY THING ALL STAKEHOLDERS VOTED TO APPROVE WAS TO REDUCE FIRST TIME VIOLATIONS TO A CITATION INSTEAD OF A MISDEMANOR THAT WILL CAUSE EXPENSIVE JURY TRIALS IN RURAL COUNTIES WITH LIMITED FINANCES. THAT IS IT.

SB 838 OR SB830 WHICH POSION SHOULD MINERS TAKE.

THE RESULTS OF THE GOVERNORS STUDY GROUP INFORMATION MUST BE SB 830 AND IS A WISH LIST FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, ENVIRONMENTALIST AND OTHER SPECIAL INTEREST RIVER USERS.

SB 830 AS WRITTEN IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR SUCTION DREGE PLACER MINERS TO COMPLY WITH ALL THE OVERLY RESTRICTIVE REQUIREMENTS.

KERNS AND WEST DEB NUDLEMAN FACILITATOR MY ONE HOUR INTERVIEW REQYESTUNG PIER REVIED SCIENCE TO BE USED. SHE AGREED THAT COULD BE DONE.

ODF&W FOLKS GAVE PRESENTATIONS THAT COULD, MIGHT, OR MAY CAUSE HARM BUT NOT SHALL OR WILL CAUSE HARM. LAMPREY, FRESH WATER CLAMS AND MUSCLES, STREAM GOMORPHOLOGY STREAM ARMORING. 5 BANDED SNAILS AS INVASIVE SPECIES.

80 % OF MINING IS DONE IN THE UPPER REACHES WHERE THESE ARE NOT FOUND BECAUSE MOST OF THESE LIVE IN WARMER WATERS.

WHAT ARE THE SOLUTIONS TO MOTORIZED MINING PRECEIVED PROBLEMS?

CANCEL SB838 2016 TO 2021 MORATORIUM AND DO NOT PASS SB830.

REMOVE UPLAND MINING FROM ALL LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

SET UP A TASK FORCE OF INTERESTED APOINTED LEGISLATORS TO OBSERVE FIRST HAND PLACER MINING OPERATIONS. IF YOU STILL BELIEVE A BILL IS REQUIRED OVER AND ABOVE ALL THE OVERLY RESTRICTIVE PERMITS YOU WOULD HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO DO SO.

BEFORE YOU VOTE ANOTHER OREGON INDUSTRY OUT OF BUSINESS WITH ESTIMATED REVENUES TO BE 100 MILION DOLLARS ANNUALLY PLEASE TAKE TIME TO EDUCATE YOURSELVES WHAT YOU PRECEIVE IS A PROBLEM. WE ARE SEEING SOME OF THE BEST SALMON RETURNS FOR OREGON STREAMS IN YEARS SO FISH HABITATE SHOULD NOT BE AN ISSUE.

I WOULD LIKE TO ISSUE A CHALLENGE MY LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES FOR EACH ONE OF YOU TO EXPERIENCE FIRST HAND IN STREAM OPERATION OF A SUCTION DREDGE AND INVITE YOU FOLKS TO MY MINING CLAIM.

NOW WHICH ONE OR ALL OF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO JUMP IN THE WATER OR STAND ON THE BANK AND OBSERVE A DREDGE WORKING?????

I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

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## ANNUAL TOTALS OF DEQ PERMITS ISSUED FOR SUCTION DREDGE OR IN-STREAM MINING

Below is a compilation of the number of General Permits DEQ issued for suction dredge operations based on information obtained from DEQ.

July 2004 to July 2005: DEQ issued 1,286 Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs) and 698 people were covered under the expired 700-J permit: \* a total of 1,984

**July 2005 to July 2006:** First year of the new 700-PM permit. We do not have hard numbers for this period but I was told by Scott Manzano (DEQ permit writer) that DEQ only issued about 700 new 700-PM permits in this period.

## a total of approximately 700

July 2010 to July 2011:	DEQ issued	a total	of 674
July 2011 to July 2012:	DEQ issued	a total of	1,385
July 2012 to July 2013:	DEQ issued	a total of	1,941
July 2013 to Present:	DEQ issued	a total of	1,831



\* NOTE: The 700-J permit expired in 2002. As DEQ was not prepared to issue a new permit at that time, they grandfathered existing permit holders that registered until a new permit was issued. Those that did not register, or new operators, were issued MOAs which basically told operators that if they followed the restrictions of the expired 700-J they would be allowed to dredge.