

commentletters - Comment Letter - Sediment Quality Objectives Amendment.

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Subject: Comment Letter - Sediment Quality Objectives Amendment.

Dear Sir:

The proposed changes regarding sediment quality objectives when compared to the eventual economic impacts cannot be justified.

Sediment in the environment is a dynamic and natural feature of the world all around us. Braided streams would not exist if sediments did not build up over time causing the stream or river to periodically change course. Estuaries by their very definition rely on the deposition of sediment to protect them from the ocean's constant and voracious attacks on our shorelines; if fresh sediment is not deposited, the estuaries will cease to exist. Likewise wetlands exist due to silt and sediment deposition not in spite of them.

The State Board may pursue additional restrictions on sediments but the proposed regulations/laws will not stop nature and its laws of equilibrium. Soils at the top of mountains are eroded over time and deposited in lower regions.

Please do not make any of the proposed changes to the Sediment Quality Objectives via any amendment unless the changes are to repeal the objectives in total.

Sincerely,

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