IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOURTH APPELLATE DISTRICT

DIVISION TWO

E064087 IN RE SUCTION DREDGE MINING CASES

THE NEW 49'ERS, INC., et al.; BEN KIMBLE, et al.; and PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PEOPLE, INC. et al.

Plaintiffs and Appellants,

v.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE, et al.

Defendants and Respondents.

Appeal from the Superior Court of San Bernardino County
Hon. Gilbert Ochoa, Department R-9
Coordinated Proceeding JCPDS4720
SCCVCV1200482 (Siskiyou County); CIVDS1012922 (San Bernardino County);
CIVDS1203849 (San Bernardino County)

DECLARATION OF GEORGE KENDALL

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George Kendall declares:

- 1. I am 71 years old and live in Happy Camp, California.
- 2. I am a U.S. veteran and on VA disabilities. I have not had a very easy life.
- 3. When I could no longer work, I came to California to follow my dream.
- 4. I dreamed of getting into the water to dredge for gold. Finding gold inside the cracks on the bottom of the river is the utmost thrill of my lifetime. The initial moment of discovery is so exhilarating that the experience in my world is on the order of religious and gives me a purpose to go on living. Being underwater in a zero gravity environment also helps to relieve the pressure on my crippled back.
- 5. Then in 2009, California imposed a moratorium against gold dredging. Now I am six years older, find myself even more crippled and I wonder if I will ever be able to follow my dreams again before I die. Therefore, I am asking this Court to provide suction dredgers along the Klamath River with at least some limited relief.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Happy Camp, California on August 3, 2015

George Kendall