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Re: Support for Puget Sound No Discharge Zone

The Pacific Shellfish Institute (PSI) supports the Washington Department of Ecology rulemaking for a No Discharge Zone for Puget Sound and the fresh waters of Lake Washington and Lake Union.

PSI is a 501(c)(3) non-profit research organization based in Olympia, Washington. Our mission is: "*Fostering sustainable shellfish resources and a healthy marine environment through research and education.*" We therefore urge the proposed No Discharge Zone for Puget Sound to protect water quality and important shellfish resources in Washington State. We support the adoption of Washington Administrative Code 173-228-010 to establish no discharge zones for vessel sewage, and specifically, the Puget Sound No Discharge Zone.

Over 90 No Discharge Zones have been designated across the United States. To date the Pacific Northwest is the only region in the nation that has not designated No Discharge Zones for any waters. Puget Sound, a national treasure and important shellfish growing region, needs this type of protection. Many boaters already store their sewage onboard and use the pumpout facilities that exist around Puget Sound and the Straits of Georgia and Juan de Fuca. All sources of pollution should be controlled, and this is a common-sense action that reflects the value of Puget Sound.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Bobbi Hudson, Executive Director