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**Robert Jenson:**

I would also like to congratulate the Department of Ecology, after these many years, of making this major step forward.

Puget Sound is an invaluable asset to all of us who live in Washington, and even those who don't. It's really been a difficult battle over the years to try to reduce the pollution that's been caused particularly from boats, now that they're coming under this Discharge, or No Discharge Rule. I think it's long overdue.

I really congratulate you for making this step and hope it will be respected and be enforced adequately.

Thank you very much.