

Kitsap Public Health District

The Kitsap Public Health District has attached a letter of support for the proposed Puget Sound No Discharge Zone.

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RE: Washington State Department of Ecology Proposed Rule Chapter 173-228 WAC

Ms. Jankowiak,

The Kitsap Public Health District has reviewed the proposed new rule Chapter 173-228 WAC, Vessel Sewage No Discharge Zones and support the establishment of a Puget Sound No Discharge Zone.

Prohibiting the release of sewage, treated or untreated, is in alignment with our agency's mission to protect the public from nonpoint pollution related disease. The protection of our surface waters and shellfish beds from human caused nonpoint pollution and sewage discharges is one of our priorities as a health district.

In 1999, the Kitsap Board of Health passed local ordinance Bremerton-Kitsap County Board of Health, 1999-13 Marina Sewage Regulations, which required all marina operators to provide sewage pump out facilities for all liveaboard vessels in moorage and prohibited the discharge of any untreated sewage from all vessels in the waters of Kitsap County. This ordinance displays our agency's understanding of the negative public health effects that vessel sewage discharges cause to our shellfish beds and recreational surface waters.

Sincerely,

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