

## Alki Kayak Tours

My husband and I have operated a small recreation business on Puget Sound for the past 13 years ([www.kayakalki.com](http://www.kayakalki.com)). We guide visitors and residents of Washington State on sea kayak tours in and around Elliott Bay and the Alki peninsula. We fully support Ecology's determination and proposal to establish the Puget Sound No Discharge Zone. This simple and common sense approach will better protect public health and the marine ecosystem on which our services and employees depend. Puget Sound is a national treasure should join 90 other iconic waterways across the United States as a No Discharge Zone.

Fortunately, over 97% of boaters already do the right thing and pump out their blackwater at the 100 designated pumpout facilities that are available throughout the Puget Sound. The maritime community highly values Puget Sound, and we are confident that the remaining vessels that don't have proper holding tanks onboard will step up to do their part to keep our waters clean and healthy.

Thank you for your thorough and careful evaluation of the need to designate Puget Sound as a No Discharge Zone and recommendation to do so.