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I am strongly opposed to this rule. I am a professional as well as a recreational mariner. I work and play on Puget sound the year round. I sail on the University of Washington's oceanographic research vessel and thru my work am intimately familiar with water quality issues in these waters. This rule targets a very small and politically weak section of our regional population, boat and ship owners, and puts a false veneer of dealing with this issue while putting the entire burden on this population. The root cause of our water quality issues is our large and growing population with all of the attendant ills, from failing sewage systems, septic fields, and storm run off, to aquaculture and fertilizer use. Implementing this rule will not help the health of the sound by any appreciable amount until the major points of pollution are addressed. Implementation of this rule is a specious attempt at seeming to address the issue while not actually doing so.