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**Jill Patenaude:**

My Name is Jill Patenaude, and I am a long-term, well life time, resident of Washington State and have on the water with shell fish and recreational boating my entire life.

I just want to say I'm in full support of the No Waste Zone, and I am curious as to if it really truly is going to take five years for these cruise ships that are now inundating our harbor, or the Puget Sound, and all the other ships to get into compliance with this. I'd hope that they could do that a little bit sooner.

I think that this is long overdue for our region, and I think we should be leaders in this. We have a beautiful, pristine region here, and we need to be protecting it. As a recreational boater, it truly is possible for me to get to a pumpout station wherever I need to get a pumpout station.

So I just want to say thank you for this. I also want to say that I am excited for the outcome that you're going to be measuring. And I hope there are some short term measures in place as well as the long term measures. I would love to open up new shellfish harvesting. We've been having a tough time with the closures lately.

So, thank you.