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Designate Puget Sound as a No Discharge Zone

Our region is the only one in the nation that has not designated No Discharge Zones for any waters. Puget Sound, a national treasure, needs this type of protection and should not be treated as giant toilet.

When enacted, the Puget Sound No Discharge Zone will prohibit the discharge of raw or partially treated sewage from boats by requiring all vessels with a permanently installed toilet to collect sewage in a holding tank then pump out for proper treatment. This simple and common sense approach will protect public health, keep our waters clean, protect sensitive marine waters, and support important shellfish harvesting areas.

I support this action as a common-sense protection for a healthy and clean Puget Sound.