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Please designate Puget Sound as a No Discharge Zone.

To date, 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 protection. I fully support the Department of Ecology's determination and proposal to establish the Puget Sound No Discharge Zone.

This simple and common sense approach will protect public health, keep our waters clean, protect sensitive marine waters, and support important shellfish harvesting areas.

Fortunately, over 97% of boaters already do the right thing by holding their waste and pumping it out at an existing station. The maritime community values Puget Sound and I am 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.

Again, thank you for your hard work. Please establish the Puget Sound No Discharge Zone.