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**Margaret Ellsworth:**

Yes, my name is Margaret Ellsworth, and I'm a private citizen of Washington State.

I'm past the age where I boat and paddle, but I care deeply about Puget Sound and the health of the orcas and all the other wildlife that live in the Sound.

I think your work on this issue of vessel No Discharge Zone is excellent, and I want to express my support for what you've done, and I hope that it does get implemented and if there is an implementation window that it is a short one. People have known that this is in the works, and have had a lot of time to prepare for it.

Thank you.