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Thank you for your evaluation of the Puget Sound as a No Discharge Zone. While there is a big push to create a no discharge zone within Puget Sound basin I believe this is over regulation in that discharge of Non- treated sewage is already regulated. There are more contaminants being emptied into the receiving waters by roads then any number of boats having treated sewage would contribute .

Further , it has also been proven that the treated sewage from treatment plans released into the sound creates a larger fish habitat then existed prior to the treated sewage distribution. Some people are trying to indicate that To date, our region is the only one in the nation that has not designated No Discharge Zones for any waters. There is already federal guidelines for no discharge of oils or untreated sewage into the receiving waters . In addition to pass your proposal will result in boating being eliminated in Puget Sound which is a \$3 billion industry for recreation . Puget Sound, a national treasure, already has implemented restrictions for sewage disposal and additional restrictions are redundant . I DO NOT support Department of Ecologys determination and proposal to establish the Puget Sound No Discharge Zone.

Fortunately, over 97% o boaters already do the right thing they have holding tanks onboard to store sewage (also called blackwater), then pump it out using any one of the 100 designated pumpout facilities that are available throughout the Puget Sound.

To pass a bill for only 3% o the voters who are illegally dumping will not solve the problem .

I, along with many residents and users of Puget Sound, strongly do not , I repeat DO NOT support establishing a No Discharge Zone for Puget Sound. The maritime community values Puget Sound.

Again, Please Do NOT establish the Puget Sound No Discharge Zone.