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The proposed rule is overly broad and will do little to improve conditions on Puget Sound. While there are many pumpouts for recreational vessels, only one exists for commercial vessels, in Bellingham. Workboats and small passenger vessels do not have sufficient space to install large holding tanks even if they could find a pumpout near their area of operations. This rule will drive small passenger vessels out of the region and cause work boats to incur huge costs in installation and time lost to pumpout in distant locations. Targeted zones will work better. A long phase-in for work boats would also work. Ecology should target it's effort toward non-point sources. Mandatory separation of storm and sanitary sewers would do the most good in eliminating coliform contaminates. Elimination of combined sewer overflows and treatment plant overloads would be the most economical solution. How many times do we have to clean up Puget Sound. Do it right the first time so we do not have to revisit this problem in 20 years.