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Dear Ms. Jankowiak:

We are residents of the Puget Sound area since 1970. Over these years our awareness of the damage to the saltwater ecosystem by untreated sewage has increased (along with an incremental increase in such pollution itself related to population growth and even the corresponding growth in numbers of pets. With all the incidental and accidental runoff ~~into~~ this basin, it is certainly reasonable now to curtail the sea-going source of sewage pollution as the Department of Ecology is proposing to do in its proposed ruling (ch 173-228 WAC vessel sewage no-discharge). This beautiful, life-giving resource deserves strong protection. We are grateful for your thoughtful, well-planned proposal and request that the enforcement be sufficient to make measurable improvements in

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NEW SECTION

**WAC 173-228-050 Effective.** The Puget Sound No Discharge Zone applies to all vessels on the effective date of this rule except for:

(1) Tug boats, commercial fishing vessels, small commercial passenger vessels, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) research and survey vessels, which have a delayed implementation lasting five years from the effective date for this rule in the Puget Sound No Discharge Zone. The vessels would still be required to comply with existing state and federal discharge regulations in the interim.

(2) Public vessels actively involved in emergency, safety, security, or related contingency operations where it would not be possible to comply with the no discharge zone.

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**WAC 173-228-060 Enforcement.** Ecology may enforce this chapter by using any of the enforcement provisions in chapter 90.48 RCW. In addition, other federal, state and local agencies may provide enforcement, as authorized.

*water quality, decreased number of annual algae blooms, etc.*

*Kindly reply to us by mail at the address above when replies are issued.*

*We thank you for your vigilance on behalf of the quality of life we humans enjoy here and on behalf of the mute underwater beings whose very lives hang in the balance.*

*Sincerely,*

*Leena J. Lanti*

*also for Jim R. Lanti  
(head of household)*