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**Rein Attemann:**

Okay, well thank you very much. Again, Rein Attemann. I'm commenting today as an avid boater in Puget Sound. Thank you, Department of Ecology, for undertaking this long process. It's been four some odd years to get to this point, and we hope that by March, that Puget Sound will be designated as a No Discharge Zone. And it kind of blends into one of many actions that our community here can do to protect our iconic Puget Sound and join 90 other bodies of water throughout the country as a No Discharge Zone. And it's one piece of the puzzle that is outlined in the Puget Sound Partnership's action agenda.

I care about Puget Sound, as stated earlier. When I was chartering a boat for a week long sail was kind of horrified to be instructed to go ahead and empty the head into the Puget Sound that we all depend on for livelihood, our recreation, and also the animals that live there.

This pollution control is common sense approach to address one of many pollution problems facing Puget Sound. Given that there's 173 pumpout stations in 102 locations, it seems very adequate, according to the Department of Ecology, to meet the criteria for designating this No Discharge Zone for Puget Sound. And by doing that, we will increase the shellfish beds, we will protect human health, and we will eliminate another pollution source to many of the animals like the magnificent iconic resident orca whales.

So, thank you very much, and I fully support this designation.