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The proposed rule as written unfairly burdens boat owners of vessels with a type I or II MSD for no benefit to public safety or the ecology. Type I and II MSDs can be shown to treat sewage to an acceptable level of coliform contaminants. If further conservatism is required, NDZs could be established around sensitive areas and areas where people might use the water, such as in Lake Washington. Australian rules seem to be adequate to protect the environment and humans from contamination and could be considered a model for Puget Sound. The link will take you to the Australian rule:

<https://www.amsa.gov.au/environment/regulations/maritime-discharges/discharges/index.asp>

Canada is another example where our NW waters are not adversely affected by recreation boats discharging where no dump outs are available.