

## Richard Porter

I am very much in favor of a no-discharge zone as shown on your map. I live overlooking Fairhaven Harbor in South Bellingham, Whatcom County. As well as serving Alaska ferries, the Coast Guard and several local marine businesses, this harbor is also used for several individual pleasure activities. There are kayakers and standup paddleboards, swimmers and divers off Taylor Dock, and as anchorage for 8-24 (depending on season) private boats.

The problem for me are the private boats anchored in the harbor. Usually several of these have full time liveaboard residents. I also know that some of these boats almost never leave their anchorage so i think they must be discharging all their sewage into the local water. That's bad for all of us, particularly the swimmers. Eliminating sewage discharge here would be a great thing. A 5-year compliance period seems like an awfully long time. I'm also concerned about how you'd check if the live-aboard boats meet the requirements. And would the penalties be sufficient to force changes?

Thank you,  
Dick Porter