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Thank you for your thorough and careful evaluation of the need to designate Puget Sound as a No Discharge Zone. Puget Sound should join 90 other iconic waterways across the United States as a No Discharge Zone.

To date, our region is the only one in the nation that has not designated No Discharge Zones for any waters. Puget Sound, a national treasure, needs this type of protection. I fully support Department of Ecology's determination and proposal to establish the Puget Sound No Discharge Zone.

This simple approach makes good sense because it seeks to protect public health, keep our waters clean, safeguard our sensitive marine waters, and ensure sustainable economies by keeping important shellfish harvesting areas clean.

Fortunately, over 97% of boaters already do the right thing and transport their own feces off these public waters and dump them where they can be treated.

With many of my neighbors and users of our local waters, I strongly support establishing a No Discharge Zone for Puget Sound. The maritime community values Puget Sound, and I am confident that the remaining vessels that don't have proper holding tanks onboard will step up to do their part to keep our waters clean.

Again, thank you for your hard work. Please establish the Puget Sound No Discharge Zone.