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I support Ecology's plans and efforts to develop a Puget Sound Nutrients General Permit. While regulations in general are not always popular, I believe water quality protection is too important of an issue to treat passively, and too easy for public and private entities to sidestep (whether knowingly or unknowingly). As such, I feel a nutrients General Permit could help make measurable improvement in Puget Sound, through thoughtful and reasonable permit requirements. Further, I encourage Ecology to look very seriously at developing one or more TMDLs for Puget Sound (as needed). TMDLs have helped spur action and restoration in similar situations outside of Washington, and could serve as a valuable tool for dramatically improving conditions in Puget Sound. Thank you.