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For the following reasons I am writing in support of Amendment #2 to ban scrubbers in Puget Sound: Amendment #2 guards against cruise ships burning one of the dirtiest fossil fuels on earth - heavy fuel oil - by 'scrubbing' the exhaust and discharge the toxin-laden wastewater directly into the ocean. Hence, to protect ocean life and all life scrubber banning is needed as per Amendment #2.

Amendment #2 is a great opportunity for the cruise sector to show that they are committed to changing their polluting ways by agreeing to end the dumping of all scrubber wastes in Puget Sound.

Marine ecosystem needs a healthy home to survive. The COVID-19 pandemic has been an ongoing tragedy on a global scale, but the resulting cessation of cruise vessel traffic in the Puget Sound has been a welcome reprieve from the water pollution these ships create. That's why scrubber dumping cannot return to the Sound and why I continue to support amendment #2.

Bottom line: Amendment #2 is designed to protect against the health and environmental hazards of cruises using scrubbers to get away with burning ultra-dirty fuel and dumping toxic and carcinogenic substances into the sensitive Puget Sound ecosystem. Hence, how can anyone with a sensitivity and an understanding of the interconnectedness of all life and its consequential ripple effect for good or bad not support Amendment #2?

Sincerely, Marilyn Costamagna