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There is a loophole that allows cruise ships to burn one of the dirtiest fossil fuels on earth - heavy fuel oil - by 'scrubbing' the exhaust and discharging the toxin-laden wastewater directly into the ocean. That's why Amendment #2 to ban scrubbers is essential to preserving and protecting Puget Sound.

This is a huge 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. Please approve amendment #2 and ban scrubbers.

Assaults on the health of marine ecosystems will kill off organisms crucial to maintaining them. 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. Resuming scrubber dumping would mean renewing destructive attacks on the Sound. I support amendment #2.