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I strongly oppose allowing cruise ships to pollute our oceans, and in particular, Puget Sound, via a device called "scrubber." Although scrubbers have been touted by the cruise industry as a solution for treating toxic ship engine exhaust, in reality, all it does is convert air pollution into water pollution and dump this fossil fuel combustion wastewater straight into the ocean. In high traffic inlets like Puget Sound, the build up of scrubber dumping is compounding and has serious implications on endangered species like killer whales.

We need to secure permanent protection for Puget Sound and its ecosystem. The WA Department of Ecology, the Port of Seattle, and the cruise trade industry organization have an opportunity to help our environment by voting for an amendment to ban the discharge of scrubber wastes. Please ban scrubbers for good in order to maintain a healthy ecosystem needed for the survival of threatened orcas and Chinook salmon.