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I support amendment #2 to ban scrubbers. Heavy fuel oil, obtained from scrubbing, is one of the dirtiest fossil fuels on earth; the discharge from the process (toxin-laden wastewater) is dumped directly into the ocean.

This is an unrivalled opportunity for the cruise sector to demonstrate 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.

Marine ecosystems need to be healthy 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. Scrubber dumping cannot be allowed to return to the Sound. I support amendment #2.