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As someone that was born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, I appreciate that it is a place of unique beauty and natural resources. That is why I am writing in support of Amendment #2 to ban scrubbers in Puget Sound

We know that cruise ships are major polluters and that there is a yawning loophole that allows cruise ships to burn 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. That is just one reason to ban scrubbers.

Marine ecosystems require 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. We can maintain this healthier marine ecosystem by banning scrubber dumping permanently.