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PLEASE ban the discharge of scrubber wastes and secure permanent protection for Puget Sound and its ecosystem! The WA Department of Ecology, the Port of Seattle, and the cruise trade industry organization are renegotiating a voluntary anti-dumping Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in the Puget Sound. Toxic, fossil fuel wastewater ends up in the ocean 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 buildup of scrubber dumping is compounding and has serious implications on endangered species like killer whales, orcas and Chinook salmon.