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While the proposed amendments appear to be a step in the right direction, they do not go far enough. We are pleased to see that blackwater will no longer be allowed to be discharged - but are unhappy that graywater discharges will not be prohibited. As we have been warned by local and state health officials, graywater is also a serious contaminant and should be treated as such.

We are please to see the ban on the discharge of exhaust gas scrubber washwater in MOU waters. We are concerned that for all of the limitations and prohibitions, the practices will simply be moved the shortest possible distance to be accomplished just outside the MOU waters. We are not at all sure that whales and salmon will be able to appreciate this difference. Water, by its nature, is mobile, as are the creatures who live in it.

The cruise ship industry must be encouraged (pushed, reguated) to implement new and different practices to reduce and/or eliminate discharge of pollutants to the atmosphere, whether to air or water.