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"Scrubbers" add toxic, fossil fuel wastewater to our already-endangered oceans? Scrubbers have been touted by the cruise industry as a solution for treating toxic ship engine exhaust. They are NOT. In reality, all scrubbers do 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.