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"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated" - Mahatma Gandhi

"I Wonder If we Have Enough Reverence for Life to Concede to Wilderness the Right to Live On" - Margaret Murie

The marine life in our waters have a right to live unpolluted lives - money making industries have no right to dump anything in our waters.

Ban scrubbers. 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. This is a huge opportunity for the cruise sector to show that they are committed to changing their polluting ways by agreeing to end the dumping of all scrubber wastes in Puget Sound.

Our marine ecosystem needs 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. That's why scrubber dumping cannot return to the Sound. I support amendment #2 - ban scrubbers.