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There is a huge loophole that allows cruise ships to burn one of the dirtiest fossil fuels on earth - heavy fuel oil - by 'scrubbing' the exhaust and discharging the toxin-laden wastewater directly into the ocean. That's why I support amendment #2 to ban scrubbers. It's an opportunity for the cruise sector to show that they are committed to environmental stewardship by agreeing to end the dumping of all scrubber wastes in Puget Sound. Please approve amendment #2 and ban scrubbers. Marine ecosystems need 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. Thank you for your support in approving amendment #2 to ban scrubbers.