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I strongly support the proposed amendments to the Cruise ship Memorandum of Understanding, including a ban on discharge of exhaust gas scrubber wash water and a vessel Sewage No Discharge Zone for Puget Sound. The population of resident orcas is critically endangered as well as the wild salmon population on which the resident orcas depend. I visited the Straits of Juan de Fuca on a kayak trip that included camping in the islands. Clean water is critical to the resident orcas, the wild salmon population, the residents of Puget Sound and the population of the entire Puget Sound area. Ship discharge is poisoning our Pacific shorelines and waterways from Alaska down to Southern California. Cruise ships and commercial shipping vessels must be prohibited from discharging exhaust gas and sewage into our coastal waters.