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I am writing today to support amendment #2 (the ban of scrubbers) and secure permanent protection for Puget Sound and its ecosystem;

Point #1: Ban scrubbers. There is a 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. All this does is convert air pollution into water pollution.

Point #2: This is a good 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.

Point #3: 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.

Please approve amendment #2 and ban scrubbers.

Thank you, F. Debbie Campbell