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How does toxic, fossil fuel wastewater end up in the ocean? Via a device called "scrubber." Although scrubbers have been touted by the cruise industry as a solution for treating toxic ship engine exhaust, in reality, all it does 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.

But we have an opportunity to ban scrubbers and secure permanent protection for Puget Sound and its ecosystem.

Right now, the WA Department of Ecology, the Port of Seattle, and the cruise trade industry organization are renegotiating a voluntary anti-dumping Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in the Puget Sound and an amendment to ban the discharge of scrubber wastes is on the table! And they have opened a public comment period for amendments to the MOU.

This is our chance to ban scrubbers for good in order to maintain a healthy ecosystem needed for the survival of threatened orcas and Chinook salmon.