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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 provided a welcome reprieve from the extensive water pollution these ships produce. That's why scrubber dumping must not return to the Sound. I strongly support amendment #2 to ban scrubbers. This is an excellent opportunity for the cruise sector to show that they are committed to changing their ecologically damaging ways by agreeing to end the dumping of all scrubber wastes in Puget Sound. It is past time to close the 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. For all of the above reasons, I strongly support amendment #2 to ban scrubbers.