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I support amendment #2 to ban scrubbers. Allowing 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 is not sustainable. The marine ecosystem needs a healthy home to survive. The COVID-19 the cessation of cruise vessel traffic in the Puget Sound due to COVID restrictions has been a welcome reprieve from the water pollution these ships create. Now the cruise sector has an opportunity to show that they are committed to changing their polluting ways by agreeing to end the dumping of all scrubber wastes in Puget Sound. Scrubber dumping cannot return to the Sound.