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Marine ecosystems need a healthy home to survive. The COVID-19 pandemic has been an ongoing tragedy for humanity, but the resulting pause of cruise vessel traffic in the Puget Sound has been a welcome reprieve from the water pollution these ships create. Cruise ships burn one of the dirtiest fossil fuels on earth - heavy fuel oil-- and a giant loophole allows them to discharge the toxin-laden wastewater directly into the ocean after they 'scrub' the exhaust. That's why scrubber dumping cannot return to the Sound. I support amendment #2.