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I support amendment #2 to ban scrubbers. There is a 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. This is a huge opportunity for the cruise sector to show that they are actually committed to changing their polluting ways by agreeing to end the dumping of all scrubber wastes in Puget Sound.

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. Marine ecosystem needs a healthy home to survive.

For all of these reasons, I support amendment #2.