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Scrubbers must be banned. There is a huge loophole that allows cruise ships to burn heavy fuel oil, one of the dirtiest fossil fuels on earth, by 'scrubbing' the exhaust and discharge the toxin-laden wastewater directly into the ocean.

The cruise sector now has a huge 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.

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. The marine ecosystem needs a healthy home to survive. That is why scrubber dumping must not return to the Sound.

Please approve amendment #2 and ban scrubbers.