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Ms. Margaret Glowacki
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Dear Ms. Glowacki:

On behalf of the Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW), I am writing to express our concerns with and objections to the 2nd draft of the Seattle Shoreline Management Plan which proposes to regulate the discharge of "grey water" on recreational boats. We are supportive of the 2nd draft SSMP as long as it does not include regulations for "grey water" containment on recreational boats.

Recreational boaters have a vested interest in the quality of our marine environment. It's where we spend our leisure time and invest a considerable amount of money to enjoy. However, to require containment of "grey water" would create an unnecessary and burdensome regulation on recreational boaters. For the vast majority of recreational vessels, it would be impractical and/or prohibitively expensive to retrofit these vessels in order to comply. In addition, the preponderance of recreational boaters, unlike house barges, are not used on a daily basis and therefore only marginally contribute to any possible negative effects of "grey water" discharge.

The main concern is the relatively small number of house barges (as opposed to Floating Homes) which are not connected to City services and which are not navigable vessels as is the case with recreational boats. Since recreational boats are navigable, we have a choice as to where we moor and I'm sure many will seek moorage outside of Seattle should the "grey water" regulations be enacted. We would encourage you to focus on the problem and not create regulations which would have serious negative financial impacts on the recreational boating community and the City of Seattle.

Sincerely yours,

Edward J. Jennerich
President