Mission
To inspire stewardship of the Puget Sound by providing learning opportunities about the environment to the people of our local communities.

Vision
To be a catalyst for environmental education contributing significantly to our community’s understanding of the environment in which we live and our impact on the Puget Sound.

Motto
Learn. Have Fun.
Harbor WildWatch’s public, youth and private programs are fun, interactive, and designed to educate and engage participants in the preservation of our natural marine resources.

Our individualized outreach gives citizens, students and visitors the opportunity to examine how their own behaviors impact the environment and discover ways to become better stewards.

Our programs are primarily delivered in the Key Peninsula - Gig Harbor - Islands (KGI) Watershed - a unique area that covers over 100,000 acres including 179 miles of saltwater shoreline and is home to 70,000 residents. Our goal is to encourage residents and visitors of all ages to get outside and experience the marine environment through our fun and unique experiences.

We are pleased to continue our partnership with the City of Gig Harbor in bringing life back to the Historic Skansie House in Downtown Gig Harbor. Since moving in the summer of 2014, over 10,000 individuals have visited us at our new office, visitor information and marine interpretive center.
Youth Programs

Our youth programs strive to close the educational gap by connecting STEM-based learning and ecological stewardship to everyday life. Our goal is to increase academic performance, proficiency in math and science, and access to community experiences for our local students. We do this by offering a variety of unique educational programs that foster a passion for learning and encourage curiosity and critical thinking.

In 2015, we delivered over 500 STEM-based programs to nearly 10,000 students in the community.

The Harbor Outreach Program supplements school curricula by providing unique STEM-based workshops to our local K-12 classrooms. Consisting of 20 interactive workshops, this program allows students to explore complex topics such as erosion, tectonics, transference and chemistry through the environmental lens.

The Explorer Series immerses students in the outdoor classroom to get a firsthand perspective of one of three unique habitats – beaches, estuaries and wetlands. Students are challenged to put their classroom knowledge to work as they observe zonation, predation and adaptation demonstrated right before their eyes!
Since 2013, Harbor WildWatch has provided an opportunity for students ages 13-17 to increase their eco-literacy and gain valuable social and life skills. Our Teen Mentors assist with a variety of activities including interpreting to the public, leading training activities and serving as mentors for our younger students.

**seaStars & Beyond** is our most intensive program for young nature enthusiasts. Over 11 months, students ages 8-12 explore a variety of environmental topics through monthly workshops—from marine mammal anatomy to ocean acidification. Students also learn to interpret scientific information to the public by volunteering and completing a self-guided service project to benefit the local environment.

The **Internship Experience** allows current high school, college and recent graduates to gain valuable, real-world experience in the environmental education industry. Interns learn to deliver classroom workshops and field courses as well as assist with marketing, fundraising and administrative activities.
Public Programs

Get You Feet Wet introduces beachgoers to the animals that live in the intertidal zone at our local city, county and state parks. Visitors interact directly with marine invertebrates through guided beach walks or popular touch-tank events led by staff biologists and experienced volunteers.

In 2015, we delivered nearly 200 quality, interactive programs to nearly 20,000 adults, kids and families in the community.

Pier Into the Night allows visitors to catch a glimpse into Puget Sound nightlife through a virtual SCUBA diving experience. Underwater lights attract animals that are seldom seen during daylight hours. Simultaneously, our volunteer divers explore the waters below equipped with an HD video camera with a live feed to the surface!

The Citizen Science Experience allows us to contribute meaningful baseline biodiversity data from our local beaches, estuaries and creeks. With the help of our local and regional partners, regular citizens are trained to monitor water quality, shellfish and other plants and animals.
Our Volunteers

As with many non-profit organizations, Harbor WildWatch relies on our volunteers to help deliver quality environmental education programs to our community. We are lucky to have an incredible group of adults, teens and students who have assisted us in spreading our mission of stewardship for the past 12 years! Without our dedicated volunteers, we would not be able to deliver over 600 programs annually in the South Puget Sound.

Our volunteers are passionate about the Puget Sound. They come from many different backgrounds—some with degrees in marine biology, some with a pure love for the great outdoors, other with a passion for civic engagement.

Whether they grew up on the shores of Puget Sound or relocated from a land-locked state, all of our volunteers share a common idea that education is the key to inspiring personal stewardship for the local environment.

Over 60 volunteers contributed their time and talents in 2015. In total, our volunteers dedicated nearly 2,000 hours of service!

They have fun engaging with their fellow community members at our local parks, piers and beaches and find it rewarding to share their knowledge on how to protect these creatures and their habitat.

We are so very thankful to the commitment, passion and love for the Puget Sound that exists within our volunteer force!
Residents and visitors have enjoyed our fun, family-friendly programs since 2004, but have long hoped for a way to connect with like-minded individuals on a larger scale. That is now possible with the launch of the Steward Club in June of 2015!

Becoming a member of the Steward Club provides individuals, families and businesses with the opportunity to connect with Harbor WildWatch through an annual financial contribution and a variety of benefits. We are grateful to all those who joined in our inaugural year!

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By the Numbers

Harbor WildWatch had an amazing 2015! We expanded our classroom workshops to grades 9-12, hosted workshops in the Skansie lab and partnered with the Downtown waterfront Alliance and Harbor History Museum to bring a walking tour to the downtown waterfront.

In total, we delivered over 600 quality educational programs to over 30,000 adults, students, families and visitors to the greater Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula communities!

The Board of Directors is dedicated to carrying out the mission and vision of Harbor WildWatch through careful management of the resources of the organization.

In 2015, Harbor WildWatch received $267,562 in total revenue and expended $203,997. These numbers align with our 5-Year Strategic Plan (2015-2019).

In addition to expanding programs, we are also working to diversify our funding sources in 2015 and beyond. This is being accomplished using several methods including the development of a membership program, annual fundraising events, and expanded grant opportunities.
2016 & Beyond

On the heels of a successful 2015, we have already had a great start to 2016! With half the year under our belts, we are on track or ahead of our goals in programming and fundraising areas.

As we begin the planning process beyond 2016, we will continue to use our 5-year Strategic Plan as a guide. Upcoming goals for 2017 include the expansion of our citizen science opportunities and the development of a SCUBA diving program. We are also working to add a staff member to the team to assist with administrative functions—allowing us to better utilize the talent and expertise of our current team members.

We are excited for the upcoming year and hope you will join us!

Schedule of Events

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Visit Us

Visit us at the Skansie Visitor Information Center in downtown Gig Harbor — a dynamic destination for residents, visitors and boaters to learn about everything Gig Harbor has to offer. Visit our interactive exhibits and laboratory Wednesday through Sunday (April-September) and Thursday through Saturday (October-March) from 10:00—4:00 PM.

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Join us in thanking our dedicated Board members for their commitment to environmental education. Especially Cheri Patch, long-time Board Member and volunteer who passed away too soon in early 2016. We will aspire to add your joyous spirit and smile to everything we do. You are truly missed.

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