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GIG HARBOR, WA – Harbor WildWatch will co-host the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Donkey Creek Chum Festival with the Harbor History Museum on Saturday, November 17, 2018.

The Donkey Creek Chum Festival celebrates the return of Chum salmon to Gig Harbor Bay with a family-friendly community event that includes salmon tours; touch tanks, fish painting, and canoe, kayak, and Dragon Boat races.

The goal of the Festival is to bring people together to promote sustainability, sound environmental stewardship, preservation of our maritime history and culture, responsible recreation, habitat preservation, and shoreline restoration – one salmon at a time.

“The Festival serves to remind community members that the quality of water, and the habitat it supports, connects us all,” said Lindsey Stover, Executive Director.

The Donkey Creek Chum Festival will take place from noon to 4 p.m. at the Harbor History Museum (4121 Harborview Drive, Gig Harbor). An outline of the Festival activities is below:

- Salmon Walking Tours led by Harbor WildWatch will take place at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. These tours will guide visitors through Austin Estuary and conclude at Donkey Creek Park where walkers can cheer the Chum salmon on their journey. The tours discuss the salmon life cycle and their cultural and ecological significance. These tours are great for all ages and each will last approximately an hour.
- Dragon Boat Races will begin at 1 p.m. and run until approximately 3 p.m. Kayak and Canoe races run throughout the afternoon.
- Festival go-ers are encouraged to bring a blank t-shirt or tote bag for fish printing with Pierce Conservation District
- Harbor WildWatch will host face painting and touch tanks at their booth
- Pen Met Parks invites festival-goers to guess the weight of the salmon at their booth

*Harbor WildWatch is a 501(c)(3) non-profit environmental education organization based in Gig Harbor, WA. Their mission is to inspire stewardship for Puget Sound by providing learning opportunities about the environment to the people in the local community. Through more than 600 fun and interactive programs each year, Harbor WildWatch hopes to inform residents and visitors about local marine life and elicit their involvement in preserving our natural resources. To make a donation or learn more about Harbor WildWatch, visit [www.harborwildwatch.org](http://www.harborwildwatch.org).*

*Official logo for the Donkey Creek Chum Festival:*



**DONKEY CREEK**  
*Chum* **FESTIVAL**

