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GIG HARBOR, WA – Harbor WildWatch is excited to continue their monthly science-social series on April 17 with the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group (HCSEG).

Mendy Harlow, the Executive Director at the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group (HCSEG), will lead a presentation on the importance of the Hood Canal watershed as an integral salmon habitat for the entire Puget Sound region. HCSEG, located in Belfair, WA, strives to deepen the connections between land, people, and salmon through habitat restoration, environmental education, and ecosystem research. They are currently engaged in six habitat restoration programs and a series of long-term research projects to better understand how salmon are navigating changing riparian habitats.

Harlow will discuss the findings from these projects and how we can protect sensitive salmon habitats to improve the Puget Sound ecosystem — one salmon at a time.

The 21 and over series, aptly named *Cocktails & Fishtales*, is held once a month and features guest speakers on various ecological topics. The 2019 series brings local and national scientists, researchers, and environmental artists to Gig Harbor Brewing's taproom in the Harbor (3155 Harborview Drive). These programs are an opportunity to enjoy an evening out in Gig Harbor in a lively and social learning experience.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation will take place from 6-7 p.m. with time for a short Q&A afterwards. Harbor WildWatch's Steward Club members have free admission; a suggested donation of \$5/guest is requested at the door. Individuals who are interested in joining the Steward Club may purchase membership at the door or on Harbor WildWatch's website.

The full *Cocktails & Fishtales* schedule for 2019 can be found on Harbor WildWatch's website: [www.harborwildwatch.org](http://www.harborwildwatch.org).

*Cocktails & Fishtales are educational events. As such, Harbor WildWatch does not endorse any speaker, service, or product represented at Cocktails & Fishtales.*

*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, and greater Salish Sea, by providing equitable learning opportunities about the environment to our local community and beyond. 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).*