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Harbor WildWatch will lead their first Cocktails & Fishtales science-social of the year on Wednesday, February 19 in Gig Harbor on the topic of Corvid Behavior with Dr. Kaeli Swift.

Dr. Swift will share her research on the fascinatingly complex world of the corvid family (crows, ravens, and jays). She has dedicated herself to understanding what American crows do in response to dead crows as well as what adaptive motivations might drive their response. Currently, Dr. Swift is a visiting lecturer at the University of Washington where she teaches a variety of ornithology and wildlife ecology courses. Video, audio, and print reports of her research have been featured by National Geographic, PBS, the New York Times, The Atlantic, Ologies podcast, Science Friday, and many others.

“We are really excited to be kicking off our science presentation season with Dr. Swift’s research and science communication on corvids,” said Carly Vester, Communications Specialist. “This year’s Cocktails & Fishtales season will also cover many prevalent topics about marine science in the Pacific Northwest: from recent gray whale mortalities, to microplastics, to sharks in our waters.”

Cocktails & Fishtales is an opportunity to enjoy an evening out in Gig Harbor, engaging with like-minded eco-enthusiasts in a lively and social learning experience. Held monthly, each program features a scientist, researcher, or environmental artist presenting on an ecological topic. Although typically for participants ages 21+, the February 19 Cocktails & Fishtales is all ages and will be held at Ocean5 (5268 Point Fosdick Dr, Gig Harbor).

Events are free for Steward Club Members with a suggested donation of \$5 for guests. All Cocktails & Fishtales programs take place from 6-7 p.m. with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. It is recommended that guests arrive early as seating is first come first serve. At the end of each presentation, time is permitted for a brief Q&A. 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 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.