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GIG HARBOR, WA – Harbor WildWatch is kicking off their monthly science-social series on February 20 with the Ikkatsu Project, based in Tacoma.

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 will bring local and national scientists, researchers, and environmental artists to Gig Harbor Taproom (3155 Harborview Drive) or Ocean5 (5268 Point Fosdick Drive NW). These programs are an opportunity to enjoy an evening out in Gig Harbor in a lively and social learning experience.

The first science-social will welcome Ken Campbell, Director of The Ikkatsu Project, to discuss marine debris in the wilds of Alaska (and at home in the Puget Sound). Formed in 2012, The Ikkatsu Project seeks to remediate marine debris through coastal surveying and exploration. They recently traveled to the Cape Decision Lighthouse in southeast Alaska to survey the surrounding beaches and collect water samples for microplastic research. The lighthouse is located in one of the more remote regions of the Alaskan panhandle at the southern tip of Kuiu (south of Sitka and west of Wrangell). With this remote location in mind, the team was interested in learning if – and how – the effects of plastics have impacted this coastline.

During his presentation at Gig Harbor Taproom, Ken will share a trailer for “Decision” – an in-progress film about this trip – as well as a short film about The Ikkatsu Project and marine debris. He will also be joined by several special guests who worked with The Ikkatsu Project at Cape Decision Lighthouse.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation will take place from 6-7 p.m. Harbor WildWatch Steward Club members have free admission; guest tickets cost a suggested donation of \$5 each at the door. Individuals who are interested in joining the Steward Club can 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.

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.