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GIG HARBOR, WA – Harbor WildWatch will be hosting their *Pier Into The Night* live dive events from October 2018 through March 2019.

Pier Into The Night allows guests to take an underwater journey of Gig Harbor Bay without getting wet... or needing a special certification! Divers use an underwater video camera to live stream exactly what they encounter below the surface onto a 10 foot screen while onlookers stay warm and dry on Jerisich Dock. Harbor WildWatch's staff biologists will narrate the dive and identify the plants and animals that appear. In past years, guests have seen feather-duster tube worms, sculpin, a variety of crab species, gunnels, stubby squid, and even giant pacific octopus.

This program first began in 2009 with the projection of large lights into the water off of Jerisich Dock. The light attracted plankton (small and microscopic organisms) and a myriad of animals who feed on plankton. Over the years, the program expanded and developed into its current format of a live dive.

“During the winter months in Washington, the lowest tides happen at night,” explains Stena Troyer, Science Specialist. “*Pier Into the Night* is a unique way to keep Harbor WildWatch's environmental education opportunities happening year-round. Plus, diving after the sun has set improves the likelihood of catching a glimpse of nocturnal favorites, like squid and octopus.”

Pier Into The Night begins on October 6, 2018 at Jerisich Public Dock in Gig Harbor (3215 Harborview Drive) and will take place on the first Saturday of the month until March. A full list of dates can be found below and on Harbor WildWatch's online event calendar at <http://www.HarborWildWatch.org>.

A donation of \$2 per person or \$5 per family is suggested. Guests should dress for the weather (rain or shine!) and bring their own chair to sit in. There will be a small covered tent to sit under during inclement weather.

Pier Into The Night dates and times:

- Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 7-9 p.m.
- Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 6-8 p.m.
- Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 5-7 p.m.
- Saturday, January 5, 2019 from 5-7 p.m.
- Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 6-8 p.m.
- Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 7-9 p.m.

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.

Pier Into The Night horizontal promotional image



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Pier Into The Night 8.5x11 vertical

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Discover the unique Puget Sound animals that come out at night without ever getting wet! Watch a live video stream as SCUBA divers explore the darkness underneath Jerisich Dock in Gig Harbor.

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