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Harbor WildWatch will lead their Pier Into the Night Live Dive, a virtual diving experience, on Saturday, January 4, 2020, 5pm – 6pm at the Jerisich Dock in Gig Harbor. Take an underwater journey of Gig Harbor Bay without getting wet (or needing special certification). While you stay warm and dry on the dock, our divers will use their ROV, an underwater drone with a video camera, to live stream exactly what they encounter below the surface. Staff biologists and trained volunteers will be available to identify the plants and animals that appear on a 10 ft. screen!

"This technology is an exciting addition to these programs," said Stena Troyer, Science Specialist. "We have been doing these programs for many years and this is the first time in over 5 years that we have updated our camera equipment. Come check out our exciting new technology!"

Pier attendees never know what they'll see. Animals encountered at past events include feather duster worms, red Irish lords, sculpins, gunnels, red rockfish, kelp and graceful crabs, stubby squids, the giant Pacific octopus, and much more!

Attendees of all ages can meet at the blue Harbor WildWatch tent at the Jerisich Dock at 3215 Harborview Drive. Event staff and volunteers will be dressed in blue. The Pier Into the Night Live Dive is a free event and will happen rain or shine. Attendees should dress for the weather and bring a chair. Pier Into the Night Live Dive events take place on Jerisich Public Dock in Downtown Gig Harbor on the first Saturday of the month from October-March and run approximately an hour.

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 <a href="www.harborwildwatch.org">www.harborwildwatch.org</a>.