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Gig Harbor, WA - Harbor WildWatch is excited to debut a short video that transports viewers to the underwater world of Gig Harbor Bay. Produced by Harbor WildWatch’s Volunteer Dive Coordinator, Tom Larson, the Wonders Under Jerisich Dock introduces you to the colorful residents that inhabit the local marine environment. Discover beautiful sea stars, giant sea cucumbers, and slimy moon snails – all without leaving the comfort of your home!

The Wonders Under Jerisich Dock (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tr569AtyBgQ) allows residents and visitors to explore Gig Harbor Bay without having to strap on a wetsuit and S.C.U.B.A. tank! Watch as divers jump into the frigid waters and travel down the pilings to the sea floor where they collect various marine invertebrates from this rich underwater world. Once collected, divers deliver the animals to the Harbor WildWatch crew on the surface where they are carefully placed in live “touch tanks” and featured during the Get Your Feet Wet programs. Throughout this 4 minute journey, animals are identified by their common and scientific names – making it both entertaining and educational! The tour concludes with visitors of all ages enjoying the Wonders Under Jerisich Dock.

Founded in 2004, Harbor WildWatch is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit environmental education organization based in Gig Harbor, WA. Their mission is to inspire stewardship of the Puget Sound by providing learning opportunities about the environment to the people in the local community. Through fun and interactive workshops, Harbor WildWatch’s goal is to inform area residents about the local environment and elicit involvement in preserving natural resources. In 2013, Harbor WildWatch will host over 80 interpretive programs at local beaches, parks, and piers, giving residents the opportunity to directly engage with the critters that inhabit Puget Sound. If you would like to witness the divers in action, please visit the Harbor WildWatch website at www.harborwildwatch.org or view the complete 2013 summer schedule on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HarborWildWatch.

Harbor WildWatch obtains a permit from the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife to safely collect, transport and return animals to their original home.

Harbor WildWatch would like to recognize Harbor Place at Cottesmore for their generous support of this project. A special thanks to the City of Gig Harbor for their continued support of our educational programs and Tom Larson of Triton’s Castle Scuba for dedicating his time and expertise in the production of this video.