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Gig Harbor, WA: Harbor WildWatch is pleased to announce the grand opening of the Skansie Laboratory! Located in the kitchen of the Historic Skansie Brother’s House in downtown Gig Harbor, now visitors of all ages can don a lab coat and a pair of safety goggles and become a scientist for the day.

The self-guided exhibit, opening August 12 at 10:00am, will explore the environmental and geologic characteristics of the Puget Sound’s past and present. Within the lab, you can explore the role of glaciers in Puget Sound’s formation; use your breath to demonstrate the power of the wind and even change the pH of the Puget Sound; or discover how plankton interacts with microplastics in ocean gyers and beyond.

To celebrate the opening of the lab as well as our one-year anniversary in the Skansie House, Harbor WildWatch will be hosting an open house on Friday, August 14, from 12:00-3:00pm. Come learn more about the new Skansie Laboratory, the Puget Sound, and Harbor WildWatch while enjoying our touch tanks and some refreshments! While you’re here, feel free to stroll through our new “Trash Lasts” exhibit, which explores what really happens when you throw something “away.”

Harbor WildWatch is also excited to announce that we will be located in the Skansie House until August 2018! A three-year lease was approved by the Gig Harbor City Council on Monday, July 27.

If you have any questions about the Skansie Lab or the new exhibit, please contact Lauren Sewell at lauren@harborwildwatch.org or at (253) 514-0187.

Harbor WildWatch is a 501(c)(3) non-profit environmental education organization based in Gig Harbor, WA. Founded in 2004, 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 500 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.