

City of Camas Water Safety Subcommittee

Sub-Committee Team members

- CPD Chief Tina Jones
- CWFD Chief Cliff Free
- Parks Director Chris Witkowski/Bud Henson Parks Commission
- Legal Counsel Shawn McPherson
- Communications Director-Bryan Rachal
- Leslie Lewallen-Council Member
- Martin Elzingre-Council Member
- Tim Hein-Council Member (Sub-Committee Chair)

Meeting Dates

Meetings were held on the following dates:

- Tuesday, August 5
- Wednesday, August 13
- Friday, August 22
- Monday, September 2 (update Mayor & City Council)
- TBD to complete next steps for implementation and communication plan

Sub-Committee Objectives

(The Group agreed to assume that people will continue to jump off the bridge)

Primary Objectives:

1. Mitigate the known life risk water hazard of jumping off the bridge.
2. Mitigate the known life risk of swimmers in Lacamas, Round and Fallen Leaf Lakes.
3. Develop a multi-level action plan (onsite, communication)
4. Have in place by the end of September 2025

Sub-Committee Action Items

1. Signage:
 - Chris Witkowski to provide the sub-committee with examples of signage in alignment with RCW 35.21.095 (Zack's Law).
 - Signage affixed to bridge to avoid having to seek county approval. Operations to affix.
2. Life Rings: Cliff Free coordinating with fire union benevolent society about 3 sites: Bridge, Boat Ramp, Kayak Launch
3. MOU from County on Life Rings: Chris Witkowski (if required)
4. Communication plan: Bryan Rachal (water safety season, CSD)
 - Next Steps: Schedule next meeting to finalize 1-4 above