

June 2023 ShoreScore

Your Lake News

Thank you to all who responded to our call to action in March contacting the Flood Control District (over 80 of you.) You made an impact!

Boating Safety this Summer:

One of the joys of living on the lake is getting out on the water, by float or by boat! Here are some boating safety tips to consider as you prepare to take friends and family out on the lake.

Note: Some of the bouys near the [Sunken Forest on Lake Sammamish](#) are missing - stay wide of the ones that you can see, and use caution when boating near that area.

Read the Boating Safety Tips below:

Boating Safety Tips from Washington State



[Boat, Kayak, SUP and Jet Ski Safely](#)



[Fireworks on Lake Sammamish July 1st!](#)

Our Meeting on 03/09/2023

WSSA met with District 3 Councilmember Sarah Perry and members of the Flood Control Board, Michelle Clark and Kate Akyuz, (plus support staff,) Steve Bleifuhs (River and Flood Plain Section Manager) and Chris Brummer (Supervising Engineer for Cedar River, Sammamish and White River Basins) At this meeting WSSA made specific requests. Click on the link below for meeting notes of our "asks."

[What WSSA Asked For](#) (click and then scroll to WSSA Requests 3.9.23.pdf)

We made the "asks" in an attempt to refocus the Flood Control Board on addressing our critical flooding issues. They have prioritized **Salmon Habitat and other issues they have taken on**. They want to combine purposes, linking salmon habitat goals within many of their flood control expenditures. This includes the Sammamish River Flood Control Project, which for shoreline homeowners is the only way for flood waters to exit Lake Sammamish...except possibly our yards. We love the Salmon, just not in our basement.



**District 3 Councilmember
Sarah Perry**



What They Plan To Do

King County recently told WSSA that they will complete the CIS (Capital Investment Strategy) in 2024. They are weighing where the budget will be spent.

The "Early Actions Workshop Summary," a precursor to the full CIS, is currently under review and *will be available soon*. You can request a copy by contacting:

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What We Need to Do

When it comes to being a priority to the King County Flood Control Board, their message is loud and clear: "The more voices, the more attention." If your over 80 responses created concern for them earlier, what would over 800 do? Please do as many of the following:

[Attend The Online Open House:](#)

Click on the link above. Until July 10th you can **go online and read the various informational tabs created by the Flood Control District: Welcome/Legacy of the Flood Project/About the Capital Investment Strategy/How to prepare For Flooding/Next Steps.**

[Take the Survey!](#)

Everyone - please click on the survey link above, and take the survey. The more we respond, the more attention we will get.

The survey (as written) has intentionally separated the Sammamish River (and it's purpose to adequately convey flood waters) from Lake Sammamish (and our ongoing need for adequate conveyance to reduce flooding.) **When you take the survey - You need to make this critical link! [See the sample survey questions here and you will see what we mean.](#) Let's flood the Flood Control Board with our responses!**

Spread the Word and Let us Know!

Please send this information to your neighbors! We must let King County know that everything that happens on the Sammamish River effects us on Lake Sammamish.

**Let us know you took the survey by dropping a line to
sensibleshorelines@gmail.com**

**"When you doubt your power, you give power to your
doubt." Honore de Balzac**

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