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ENJOY "SUMMER NIGHTS AT SOUTH LAKE UNION PARK" CONCERTS BY LAND, NOT SEA

Seattle's popular Summer Nights at the Pier series has become "Cingular Summer Nights at South Lake Union Park," 860 Terry Avenue N, for 2005.

Concerts are ticketed, and intended for patrons who come by land to enjoy the performances. Busy boat traffic on Lake Union and the need to keep legally required access routes open have led the Seattle Police Harbor Patrol to establish, under Seattle Municipal Code Sections 16.08 to 16.64, an "exclusion zone" to manage the many activities on the lake.

Police boats will enforce this closure from two hours before each concert until one hour after the end of the concert. The "exclusion zone" extends 100 yards north of the park into Lake Union, and boat spectators will not be allowed near the park on concert days during the period from two hours before the concert until the concert ends. Specific provisions during those times include:

- Boat spectators will not have access to the southwest corner of Lake Union because of the need to keep the way clear for seaplanes and tour boats to travel to and from their docks.
- Spectators in boats of any size, including kayaks, will not be allowed in Waterway #3 on the west side of the park.
- No anchorage or rafting will be permitted on Lake Union.
- No boat tie-ups, boat drop-offs, or boat pick-ups will be allowed from the docks or shoreline at South Lake Union Park.

The concert sound system has been carefully engineered to keep the sound inside the park, and to minimize impacts on the surrounding community, including Lake Union.

For more information about Summer Nights at South Lake Union Park and other special events, please contact Virginia Swanson, Special Events Coordinator, at 684-4017 or virginia.swanson@seattle.gov.

For ticket and schedule information on the concert series, please visit the web at: www.summernights.org.

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