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**AES** Audio Engineering Society - Pacific Northwest Section

*Around the Puget Sound, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.*

**PNW AES Section  
May Meeting Notice  
Noise Regulations  
Is it noise or is it music?  
Presented by  
Seth Tomlinson, INCE, the Greenbusch Group  
AND  
AES PNW Section  
Thursday, May 29th, 7:30pm  
Shoreline Community College, Rm 818**

[Directions to SCC](#)

A presentation of the history and development of community noise regulations. Emphasis will be given to local noise ordinances in the Pacific Northwest, and how they affect amplified musical events. You might think that creating reasonable and effective noise ordinances would be child's play but experience has shown this to be anything but the case. We will discuss the challenges in crafting and passing quality ordinances, and on implementation and enforcement challenges created by current regulations.

An article about a real-life problem from a community newspaper: [Sammamish Review Article \(page 7-8\)](#)

A specific piece of the Sammamish municipal code: [Noise ordinance 02002-105](#)

This the Sammamish municipal code, which cites the above document: [Sammamish Municipal code, Chapter 8.15](#)

These two documents appear to be parallel documents, note that the noise ordinance dates to 2002.

This is excerpted from the planning documents for the Sammamish Town Center, but it is pretty detailed, and quantitative, and it refers to other regulations: [document 3335.pdf](#)

**Our Presenter**

## SETH TOMLINSON, INCE - Acoustician

Seth is an Acoustician with The Greenbusch Group. Seth has contributed to multiple projects involving sewage treatment facilities, education facilities, hospitals, and multi-family dwellings in design, data acquisition (according to appropriate standards), and data analysis. He was involved with research on active noise control of axial fans and completed a capstone project on cochlear modeling, which was presented at the 153rd ASA conference in 2007. He also assists with audio/video system design.

Seth graduated in 2007 from Brigham Young University with a BS in Applied Physics with an emphasis on acoustics and a minor in Mathematics. He is affiliated with the Institute of Noise Control Engineers (INCE)

## Dave Tosti-Lane

*AES PNW 2013-2014 Section Chair*

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