I am opposed to the elimination the HF CW sub-bands. I am currently in the process of upgrading my Amateur Radio license to a General Class. The current separation of narrow and wide band modes serves everyone well by reducing interference. I will be anticipating setting up a low power station and CW will be the next thing I learn to help facilitate communications using my low power station.

Allowing wideband operation in the CW portion of the bands would make low power communications extremely difficult.

Removing the restrictions would hurt one group while

allowing the other to have free run of the bands; it is not a good idea and it is not fair.

Also, considering the unpredictable propagation conditions there are many times when only a narrow band signal will provide reliable results.

I personally believe the amateur community is currently well served by the current band plan. Just as with our public land use plans, keeping the current mode separation on the HF bands serves the greatest number of amateur radio operators.

I believe that allowing for wideband digital communication in the amateur radio service is a contradiction to what the FCC has been creating in all other Part 90 land mobile radio services. This proposed change will not make any sense for spectrum allocation.