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Dear Sir,

I FEEL THAT A FEE FOR A MARINE RADIO LICENSE IS COUNTER PRODUCTIVE. 2 PEOPLE I KNOW WHO USED TO LICENSE THEIR STATION HAVE NOT RENEWED SINCE THE \$35 FEE WAS ENACTED. INCREASING THE FEE WOULD DECREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO LICENSE THEIR STATIONS.

A MARINE RADIO IS GENERALLY USED FOR EMERGENCY USE AND SAFETY REASONS. A FEE OF AS MUCH AS \$105 COULD DISCOURAGE PEOPLE FROM BUYING AND USING THIS PIECE OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR SMALL SAILBOATS AND FLATS FISHING BOATS, WHICH GENERALLY BUY INEXPENSIVE HAND HELD UNITS FOR EMERGENCY ONLY. BY THE SAME TOKEN, LICENSING EPIRBs AND CHARGING A FEE WILL DISCOURAGE PEOPLE FROM BUYING THIS IMPORTANT PIECE OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

I INFORMALLY POLLED 8 BOATING FRIENDS, AND NONE HAVE LICENSED THEIR VHF MARINE RADIO. 6 SAID IT WAS DUE TO THE \$35 FEE.

I THINK A USER FEE ON MARINE RADIOS IS RIDICULOUS, SINCE THE FCC DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY SERVICES FOR THE RECREATIONAL BOATER. THE FCC SHOULD WAIVE THE REGULATORY FEE FOR PLEASURE BOATERS.

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BOARD

Federal Communications Commission
1919 "M" Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commission Members,

The Oregon State Marine Board is opposed to the recent proposal by the Federal Communications Commission to raise VHF radio license fees for boaters from \$35 to \$105 for a 10-year license.

The proposed fee increase would surely discourage owners of recreational watercraft from carrying an essential piece of safety equipment. We cannot ignore the likelihood that boating accidents will increase because owners of recreational vessels opt to leave a VHF radio off their boat.

Once again the administration is in danger of creating a potentially disastrous consequence in an attempt to raise revenue. The attempt to reduce the federal deficit by increasingly taxing owners of recreational watercraft has been shown in the past to be bad policy.

If fewer boat owners use VHF as a result of this increased fee, the FCC may be making our waterways less safe, and putting a greater financial burden on the Coast Guard for search and rescue that could be avoided if more VHF radios were used.

We urge the FCC to abandon this proposal in the interest of boating safety for all waterway users.

Respectfully,

Randall S. Cummings
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Chair

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Subject: PROPOSED INCREASE IN BOAT RADIO LICENSE FEE

"YOU MAY CANCEL MY LICENSE TO USE THE TRANSMITTER PORTION OF MY VHF MARINE RADIO"

If you haven't figured it out yet, this is the messages you will get if you impose this increase in Boat Radio License Fees. Doesn't common sense tell you that instead of increasing the revenue you hope to gain with the increase will in fact decrease the present income derived from the \$35.00 fee?

Haven't you heard? The people of this Country are tired of you (the Government) taking food from our tables so you can enhance the waste of money by the Gov't Bureacrats.

The VHF Marine Radio, for which you are proposing to raise the Fee to \$100.00, is used essentially as safety equipment for offshore boating on the Ocean and other large bodies of water. It is our primary communications with the Coast Guard or other sources of Marine Rescue Companies.

I will not pay the \$100.00 fee you are proposing. The Radio will be destroyed. You will not get the \$35.00 that I'm currently paying now.

Is this plain enough?

Very Sincere,

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