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FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON DC

IN THE MATTER OF AMMENDMENT OF SECTION 97  
**(RM 9259)** .  
SUBJECT: AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE

I am a member of the ARRL for 20 years, I agree with most of their proposals but this one disturbs me and a large number of fellow hams. First I do not know how the band plan was put together or no one else I know can give me the answer. the ARRL should let membership know what is happening and pole the membership. ARRL membership comprises about 24% of ham population in the UNITED STATES. The things that bothers me the most is **THEY HAVE DECLARED 1998 AS THE YEAR OF PUBLIC SERVICE**. In the plan they state the **7.290 KHZ** to be a AM CALLING frequency. And as plan states if anyone operates ssb there, they will be in violation of rules. **The 7290 TRAFFIC NET has been in operation 45 years on 7.290 as a public service traffic net**. It is a proven public service net with 40000 stations checking in in

a year. the net handles 5000 messages and is affiliated with NTS DRN5 NET ON 7.280. I do not understand why they want to destroy a proven and reliable system , which the plan will do. Also the PLAN calls for **3985 KHz** to be a **QRP SSB CALLING FREQUENCY**. This frequency has the **INTERSTATE SSB TRAFFIC NET**. This net has been in existance for 30 plus years an do a excellent job of traffic handling on night hours. through the CENTRAL GULF COAST HURRICANE NET and THE SOUTHWEST TRAFFIC NET. The plan causes problems on these and many other bands with **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION**.

I do not understand why the ARRL wants to Destroy proven operations this way, as they have declared **"THE YEAR 1998 AS THE YEAR OF PUBLIC SERVICE"**.

I HAVE SEEN TWO PLANS 1995 AND 1998. It tells me that the plan is not a plan but **concept** that the ARRL

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wants so they can have the power to alter at their will. THE FCC HAS FREQUENCIES SETUP FOR OPERATIONS ON ALL BANDS. we do not need to be dictated by a **private group** that represents approximately **24%** of hams..

**IF THE ARRL WANTS TO PUT TEETH IN SOMETHING THEY SHOULD HELP THE FCC ENFORCE EXISTING RULES, HELP WITH INTERFERENCE ON BANDS BY CLEANING UP FOUL LANGUAGE AND ETC. DO NOT CAUSE MORE RULE CHANGES BY CHOPPING UP THE BANDS ANY MORE THAN THEY ARE. A OPERATOR WILL NEED TO HAVE A CHART AT ALL TIMES TO MAKE SURE HE IS OPERATING IN EXACT MODE AND FREQUENCY.**

The hams that are on nets are ARRL and non members. As I listen a lot of members will not rejoin if this plan goes in effect.

I have some more less important items that concern me but I will not go into them now. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO MY CONCERNS ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT MATTER. IN THE INTEREST OF HAM RADIO AND PUBLIC SERVICE DO NOT PASS **RM9259**

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