

The lack of RTTY and any digital traffic in the present 80 meter amateur band does not justify an expansion, quite the opposite. If the FCC feels that the portion is necessary then a small window would be all that is needed, not 100 kcs of bandwidth. We don't need more segregation on the amateur radio bands. The people that presently use the bottom portion of 80 meters every night on SSB are there for a reason. They are experimenting with new methods and enjoying the part of the band that is not filled up with people talking every 3kc away from each other to avoid interference. The idea of digital portioning of any band makes no sense to me. If that is the case, we need to portion out every aspect of ham radio including things that the ARRL is not behind. In fact this proposal opens the door for litigation to do just that. I do not agree with the ARRL on this. This is usually the case when it comes to the ARRL. This is about money and nothing more. The FCC wisely extended 3600 thru 3650 Mhz for use by Extra class licensees only. This should continue unchanged.

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