

Re The matter of Whedbee's Petition RM-11769

My comments and objections to Mr. Whedbee's petition are as follows:

I'm convinced that the regulations as they presently exist are working fine, and especially with respect to exclusive portions dedicated to amateur radiotelegraphy. My reasons are as follows:

Exclusive allocations encourage and enable the use of very low power and homemade equipment.

Low power, battery-operated amateur radiotelegraphy can provide civil emergency wireless communications during times of extreme disruptions of the electrical grid, cellular telephone systems, and the Internet.

The overriding merit of low power amateur radiotelegraphy is simplicity; it is a splendid example of man-machine interface wherein the complexity is neurological not technological.

Morse Code is a language an international language and it is an acquired skill: it takes dedication, practice and patience to achieve functional proficiency. The exclusive allocations for amateur radiotelegraphy that presently exist directly supports this learning process it is in essence a Spectral Morse Learning Laboratory.

Respectfully submitted

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