

I support the proposal to create a secondary Domestic Amateur Radio allocation between 5.250MHz and 5.4 MHz. This is an ideal and badly needed frequency range for the support of short to mid-range emergency communications. At present, unpredictable propagation forces the changing of frequencies based on the time of day. Interference from foreign commercial services limits the usefulness of the 40 meter band during the hours of darkness. the 5.250MHZ to 5.4MHz range would allow more reliable emergency communications range by operators of the Amateur Radio Service when other means of communications have been disrupted.