

I am a Extra Class amateur radio operator and am writing in support of the proposed allocation of 5 mhz spectrum for amateur radio use. I utilize most modes on 160 m thru 70 cm for general amateur communications and find crowding on the 75/80 meter band to be a problem from time-to-time and the restrictive effects of foreign broadcast use of part of the 40 meter band to be reasons to add spectrum in between those two, e.g. 4-6 mhz area.

It is my understanding that the experimental operations on 5 mhz were successful, i.e. provided communications desired without interference to existing users.

While I am not an expert, my experience indicates that propagation would be appropriate for regular short to medium distance communications and some longer distance communications, and therefore would be particularly suitable for emergency communications.

In opening up this new spectrum for amateur use I would urge it be made available to all amateurs holding General Class licenses and above.

I suggest that this 5 mhz band should be an unrestricted band as to mode, i.e. Voice and image using SSB modulation and future digital voice and image within the same bandwidth as current SSB voice. Also permitted should be CW and radioteletype in all of its current and future forms, i.e. keyboard and file transfer digital modes as long as bandwidth is contained within the "mask" of a current RTTY signal.

I recommend