

Dear Commissioners:

Please consider the petitioners request to have a mode segment requirement for the 160 meter band. In recent times, it has become clear the interference between narrow and wideband modes has caused significant and increasing problems to weak signals, in particular. 160 meters has unique propagation conditions, particularly for worldwide communications, since it is our only medium wave band. With the increase of various narrow band communications of various types and numbers of operators, interference issues have become more and more commonplace. It has become increasingly important to resolve these issues especially since our other bands have successfully implemented mode segmentation and alleviate, as much as possible, cross mode interference problems. Experimentation and propagation studies continue to be researched and considering mode segmentation, in some form, is essential for the continuation of such studies along with organized amateur radio operations on this band. Thank you, Respectfully submitted, Jim Monahan, K1PX.