

I feel ARRL's is on the wrong track. There is no real need to realocate the referenced CW bands for SSB usage. There is no real overcrowding on the Amateur SSB or CW bands. More public service traffic is handled by the CW traffic nets than by SSB nets. Most SSB operations are purely done in self interest of inividual hams, not the public whereas most CW traffic nets are handling traffic in support of public service. I am a member of ARRL but do not agree with its support for RM-10413. This nation's long range backbone is provided by the voluntary actions of the CW nets when the chips really are down. FCC should encourage CW as against SSB operations. Less spectrum is used by CW, more useful practice is accomplished on a daily basis as preparation for a national communications emergency, and encouraging increased SSB operations does not support the potential need for a disciplined operating corps of CW operators. When propagation down and when communications are essential it is utlitmately the HF CW station that can get the message through. I do not support ARRL's RM-10413 and I believe the FCC should not support it either.