

Today we have mode segmentation on every HF band except 160. The 5000 kHz Petition does not discuss sub-banding and ARRL's suggested rules would allow all emission types to use the entire band. During time of contesting on 160 meters, the band is useless.

If the same sort of poor operating practices are to be conducted on any new proposed bands, I believe the new band structure would'nt be worth the effort to convert many of the transmitters I presently own.

I HAVE BEEN A COMMERICAL OPERATOR FOR OVER 32 YEARS AND ADHEARED TO THE STRICT STRUCTURE OF THE HF SPECTRUM. TO DEGRADE THE NEW BAND AS A FREE FOR ALL AS IS THE 160 METER BAND CURRENTLY, I FEEL WE ARE LOWERING OUR STANDARDS AND WE ALL LOSE. I CANNOT ACCEPT OPEN OR DEGRADED BAND STRUCTURE.