

I am an Extra Class licensed radio amateur (KG0DK). I support the general recommendation of shifting to regulation by required bandwidth rather than by "mode". However, I oppose the detailed subdivisions proposed by the ARRL. My first preference would be for no division of the bands by the FCC, but rather to allow for the adoption of voluntary band plans. At the most, the bands should be divided into two segments, e.g. "wider" bandwidth (1000 hz to 3500 hz) and "narrower" (less than 1000 hz) bandwidth. And, provisions should be included for exceeding "required bandwidth" limits for "legacy" modes such as AM and FM and for emergencies (broadband data) and for future modes. Voluntary band plans have worked well on many of the amateur assigned bands, 160m for example. And other countries, e.g. Canada, has not had serious problems with allowing use of any authorized mode within each band.

Your attention to this comment is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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