

Gentlemen:

I support the provisions of RM-11306. However, the BENEFITS of segmenting the various amateur bands by means of bandwidth-based FCC rulemaking NEED TO BE EXTENDED TO the 160M amateur band as well. Stated another way, RM-11306 should be AMENDED to include 160M as follows:

1800-1840 Narrow-bandwidth modes - CW/DIGITAL/PSK-31

1840-2000 Widewband modes - AM/SSB/SLOW SCAN

(Please note that narrow-bandwidth modes may be used throughout the entire band to facilitate emergency communications, when required - or when selected amateur operating activities such as the ARRL 160M CW Contest and/or the CQ Magazine CQWW 160M CW Contest requires the additional bandwidth to accomodate all the large number of participants populating the band on such occasions. 1800-1840 would be far too limited space to accomodate such narrow-bandwidth operating activities if this stipulation were not made.)

Rationale: The 160M band is now highly-utilized and those who populate it need exactly the same measure of rulemaking protection as do those who frequent the OTHER amateur bands, eg:80/40/20/15/10 etc. Without an FCC-mandated "framework" for separating activity on 160M, there is the likelihood of destructive interference occurring when and if wideband modes become interspersed amongst narrow-bandwidth activities - especially at the low-end of the band.

If the FCC believes such "fences" are necessary for ALL THE OTHER BANDS, it makes absolutely no sense at all not to extend this oversight of amateur activity to 160M as well.

PLEASE CONSIDER ADDING 160M to RM-11306 as noted above when the NPRM is released for this rulemaking.

Thank you for your consideration.

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