

Filing in opposition to 11306

Comments on RM-11306

The goal for HF spectrum utilization should tend to less regulation, not more. As new methods of communication evolve the operators localize the new modes activity to fit into available spectrum. For the most part, this voluntary regulation has worked well for many years. For example, as a PSK31 user, I operate around 14.170 MHz. If there is congestion operators will spread out to use available spectrum. Most users of different modes operate this way also.

AM operators have areas they tend to operate in; SSTV and CW opps also. The proposed bandwidth limitations are not now needed, will hinder current operational activities and experimentation .

One area that does need to be addressed is the channelization of the 'robot' type of data transmission. One of the features of these unattended modes is the ability to cause interference to ongoing communications. Locations of the robots, in conjunction with skywave propagation, may cause harmful interference with ongoing communications. This type of use is better suited to point to point communication on VHF frequencies and above, not HF.

While there should be no "use test" in Amateur Radio, providing Internet capabilities to persons who would not otherwise become licensed operators is not in the best interest of the Service.

For the above reasons, along with several others submitted, I am firmly opposed to the implementation of RM-11306.

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