

I believe that RM-11306, the Regulation by Bandwidth proposal for the amateur radio bands put forward by ARRL is an extremely ill-advised proposal.

While I agree that it is a good idea to re-apportion the sub-bands within the amateur radio bands, it will be very detrimental to a great many users if the ARRL plan is put into place. There is already a SEVERE problem with interference by unattended WINLINK ROBOT stations which cause careless and unmitigated interference to communications between morse code stations, and causes interference to communications between live, keyboard-to-keyboard digital communications in other digital modes. RM-11306 will allow these same irresponsible operators to place their automated stations in other parts of the bands where they will also interfere with voice communications.

Many untruths and half-truths have been told to the amateur radio community by both the ARRL AD-HOC DIGITAL COMMITTEE; a committee composed of COMMERCIAL INTERESTS who want only to promulgate their own narrow agenda. The recommendations of the committee have been bought into, hook line and sinker by the ARRL leadership, which has IGNORED the recommendations and concerns of thousands of radio amateurs who have sought to oppose this nightmare.

Yes, we need more space for voice communications and perhaps even for SOME limited digital communications.

However, COMMERCIAL E-MAIL service belongs in the COMMERCIAL SERVICES, not on our amateur radio bands.

Also - HIGHER-SPEED digital communications need to be carried on the VHF and UHF bands where they belong and can be operated without disrupting other important services. If someone REALLY MUST run some high speed data on HF for an emergency, then let them do it on some PREDICTABLE frequency and perhaps only during an emergency.

Changing the WHOLE AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE in a way that PRIMARILY benefits yacht owners seeking to CIRCUMVENT

the cost of commercial satellite internet access for their internet connection is HARDLY a justifiable reason to ruin the HF amateur bands for everyone else.

If you care at all, then please REJECT RM-11306.