

I wholly concur with Comments of Donald B. Chester

Re: 1800-2000 kHz Amateur Band Allocations. More and more amateur radio operators have been able to install 160 meter antennas, and most all Amateur HF radio equipment today includes that band. Thus, there are many operators added to the use of the band than just a few short years ago. As the sunspot cycle winds downward, we find amateurs using the band more often as the higher bands become more difficult to use, due propagation changes.

Many of the previous responders talk about the emergency use of the band, and they are quite correct. But, the only way there will be a large user group, when emergencies exist, is if more hams are able to use the whole band for other activities, modes and situations, before the emergency happens. If a wide bandwidth is not available, hams will fall out of using it commonly, thus not being available to add to the emergency operators, when needed.