

**Report of the Ad Hoc Band Planning Committee  
ARRL Board of Directors  
July, 2007**

The Ad Hoc Band Planning Committee met by telephone conference on February 27, 2007. Shortly after that meeting, as you know, the ARRL announced that it was withdrawing its Regulation by Bandwidth Petition (RM-11306) which called for the FCC to establish a regulatory regime to segment bands by necessary bandwidth rather than by emission mode. This Committee was formed specifically for the purpose of RM-11306 and for developing a process for developing new band plans in anticipation of implementation of regulation by bandwidth in accordance with RM-11306. Consequently, the Committee will assess further action once the Board of Directors determines a new course of action, perhaps at this July Board meeting.

One issue the Committee was asked to review was who would conduct band planning once the FCC approved regulation by bandwidth. In its February meeting, the Committee studied this issue and decided on two recommendations:

1. Short term - Once the FCC authorizes regulation by bandwidth, it is recommended that this Committee perform the actual band planning. This Committee is already familiar with the current band plans and the concept of regulation by bandwidth. Therefore, it was felt that there is no need to "reinvent the wheel," so to speak, and have either a new committee do it or an existing Board Committee do it, such as the Program and Services Committee, which years ago had done some band planning as the Membership Services Committee. Upon completion of this work, the Ad Hoc Band Planning Committee would be dissolved.
2. Long term - Once the Ad Hoc Band Planning Committee completes the assignment as stated in the short term recommendation above, the Committee recommends that the Board authorize a new standing committee specifically for band planning. The Committee suggests that band planning "needs a home" where a group can continually address on-going change in this area and advise the Board. Therefore, a standing committee charged accordingly should be considered longer term.

At the appropriate time in the future, the Committee will ask the Board for consideration of these two recommendations.

The Committee stands ready to adjust its efforts when further guidance by the Board is determined on regulation by bandwidth.

Respectfully submitted,

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