

**Report of the Ad Hoc HF Band Planning Committee
ARRL Board of Directors
January 2013**

The committee was unusually active prior to the July board meeting. The launch of FCC's 5MHz Report and Order in March necessitated efforts to inform members and the US (and to some extent worldwide) amateur community of opportunities and pitfalls. This was accomplished through QST and web articles by our staff members along with Regulatory Information staff Henderson, Counsel Imlay, CEO Sumner and CTO Price. Since then we have been in the more customary standby mode.

Triennial IARU Region 2 HF Band Plan review

A procedure for review by member societies of the IARU Region 2 HF Band Plan was developed in 2007 and this was done initially in 2010. The next review period approaches; input from national societies to the Region 2 Secretary is due in late March, 6 months before the conference in September.

As US amateurs have a more specifically applicable band plan, it is difficult to explain to members and other stakeholders what our proper role is in doing the R2 band plan review. ARRL solicited comments in early 2010; eighty were received, most of which were marginally or non-related to the task at hand. Still, our membership felt engaged with the process and a few salient points, apropos to the Region plan, were received. In fact one sharp-eyed member spotted an inadvertent transposition of two frequencies in the then-current R2 plan. We passed that along to IARU for correction.

Our plan is to solicit email input now or very soon via the ARRL website. Comments will be routed to this committee. We will review them, formulate a suggested report to the IARU and pass it to the Executive Committee which will approve and forward any final product to IARU Region 2 officials for consideration at their autumn meeting in Cancun.

Respectfully submitted,
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