

Regarding ET Docket No. 15-99

There is no reason that these buoys cannot be programmed out of the Amateur Segment of 1900KHz through 2000KHz.

It would be a very simple frequency synthesizer adjustment to alter the operating frequency outside of the Amateur Radio Segment entirely.

These buoys are not out dated equipment. They are variable in frequency, or each operator would not be able to set his own buoys to a single frequency.

This demonstrates the ability to set these buoys to specific frequencies, therefore there is inadequate reasoning to not alter them to avoid the entire Amateur Radio Segment.

The 160 Meter Amateur Band is very important to communicate long distances when this band is open for long distance especially after nightfall. During any emergency, the Amateur Radio Operator Community can readily go to that band and provide necessary emergency long distance communications.

The current use of the buoys just off shore of the West Coast and inland waterways would interfere with the necessary communications needed during such an emergency.

Sincere Regards,

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