

**Report of the UHF / Microwave Band Plan Committee
ARRL Board of Directors
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Background

The UHF / Microwave Band Plan Committee ("Committee") was initially tasked in July 2011 to review the band plans for the 33 cm, 23 cm, 13 cm and 9 cm Amateur bands. It completed that task and the Board accepted the Committee's recommendations at the July 2012 Board of Directors Meeting. Subsequently, the Committee suggested as an additional task that the 6 cm (5 GHz) and 3 cm (10 GHz) Amateur band plans also be studied. The idea was presented to the Executive Committee for consideration and was adopted by the EC at its Denver meeting in September 2012. The Committee was directed by the EC to study the 6 cm and 3 cm Amateur band plans and to present a final report at the July 2013 Board of Directors Meeting.

Committee Activities

The process that the Committee used in the initially study of the band plans worked exceptionally well for soliciting input and communicating with the Amateur community. The same process will be used again for the 6 cm and 3 cm bands.

On November 28, 2012, an article was posted on the ARRL Web site to solicit input from the Amateur community on the current, planned and projected uses of the 6 cm and 3 cm Amateur bands. A reporting format was used so information can be reported and compiled in a consistent and organized manner. The deadline for comments is January 14, 2013, which provides for a 45 day comment period.

After the comment period, the Committee will consider information received and evaluate the band plans to determine if changes are warranted. Draft band plans will then be presented to the Amateur community for an additional comment period, after which final adjustments will be made, if any, and recommendations presented to the Board at the July 2013 Board of Directors Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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