

**ARRL HF Band Planning Committee
Report to the Board – July 2016**

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The HF Band Planning Committee's efforts over the previous six months focused on the forthcoming review of IARU's Region 2 band plan scheduled to occur at Region 2's General Assembly this October. The review and potential revision of the band plan is a standard agenda item at General Assemblies, which occur every three years.

Per Region 2's request, and with the generous help of ARRL staff, the committee issued a broad call to the United States amateur radio community pertaining to suggested modifications to the IARU Region 2 band plan last March. A subsequent call was issued in May.¹

The committee met via webinar on July 6 to consider the input received in response to our solicitations. Specific recommendations will be forwarded to the full Board for its review, and those which are approved by the Board will be presented before the IARU Region 2 General Assembly for its consideration.

On another topic, ARRL's Petition for Rule Making (RM-11759), which seeks pragmatic changes to the 80- and 75-meter bands, remains under FCC's consideration.

I would like to personally thank each member of the HF Band Planning Committee for the time and energy they have devoted to helping this committee meet the objectives set forth by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Solicitations were distributed via several outlets including the ARRL website at <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-hf-band-planning-committee-seeks-suggestions-on-iaru-region-2-hf-band-plan> and <http://www.arrl.org/news/deadline-is-june-1-for-us-radio-amateurs-to-submit-iaru-region-2-hf-band-plan-suggestions>