

RE- CANADA GAZETTE PART 1 AND DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY RADIOCOMMUNICATION ACT NOTICE
NO. SMSE-010-12 DATED MAY 4 2012.

Delighted to read that Industry Canada is considering the use of frequencies in the 60 meter radio band for Amateur Radio use.

I have been monitoring the American frequencies for activities and currently own a radio that has these frequencies available.

As noted by RAC these frequencies have good propagation factors for "in province" use and have always felt that a dedicated frequency in this band would be a good Emergency calling frequency WHEN the big earthquake eventually hits the Vancouver Area. The Penticton Amateur Radio Club which I belong to have an emergency communications facility prepared to handle not only local emergency communications but any communications assistance required in an out of the Okanagan Valley which I am sure will be important in the event of a large earthquake on the west coast.

I am looking forward to assisting in the establishment of an emergency radio net (or nets i.e. rtty or psk31 on one freq for hard copy messages and voice on another) on the new 5 mhz frequencies.

Regards,

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