

Friday, May-11-12

Dear: Industry Canada
Attn: Spectrum Engineering

Reference: Notice No. SMSE-010-12 — Consultation on Changes to the Canadian Table of Frequency Allocations and to RBR-4 to Allow for Amateur Radio Service Use in the 5 MHz Band

As an avid Amateur Operator involved in Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) as well as Alberta Emergency Management FESTI Project and a Resident of a remote northern Alberta community. I have seen the problems with 80/75m and 40m with the Aurora Borealis as well as other geomagnetic anomalies. I have also talked with a number of fellow HAMs in Alaska and they say we would have more reliable communications in Wood Buffalo Region as well as to Edmonton's PEOC.

Here in Wood Buffalo Region last year we had the largest Wildfire on record for Canada and almost lost the link to a very remote community and during this time with less than 4 hrs of night we would have limited communications over the 280 klm distance. The 60m band would be a great asset to ARES groups who service larger areas.

Sincerely,

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