

SAVE YOUR SIMPLEX FREQUENCIES

On January 29, 2011 the NARCC board approved a plan to reduce the number of simplex frequencies from 26 to 13 and to use the spectrum of those released 13 simplex frequencies for digital repeaters. The approved plan stated:

As this proposal falls outside of the existing 2M Repeater Bands, it is not subject to the 3 year planning moratorium adopted by the membership of NARCC in July of 2009. (see: *2 Meter Band Plan Modification Proposal Uniform 12.5 KHz Narrowband Digital Segment Addition* – NARCC January 29, 2011 Board Meeting minutes)

On May 21, 2000 Bill Cross, a representative of the FCC, said:

Frequency coordinators derive their recognition from the voluntary participation of the local or regional amateur service community.[...] The frequency coordinator is responsible to you [...]. In a system where you voluntarily choose to put up a repeater and voluntarily recognize the coordinator, a coordinator not considering the concerns of all users of spectrum affected by repeater operation can be replaced by local amateurs choosing another frequency coordination entity. Changing coordinators is the mechanism that we anticipated you would use to replace a frequency coordinator that was not representative of all or otherwise meeting your needs. (see: http://thenfcc.org/nfcc1_003.htm and http://thenfcc.org/d_wana_terry_letter.pdf)

We the undersigned, a collection of amateur radio operators having a Technician, General, Advanced or Amateur Extra Class operator license and possessing amateur stations in the affected area, hereby state that NARCC is not representing us nor is NARCC meeting our needs when making repeater frequency recommendations in the 2 meter band that are currently used by simplex frequencies. *We do not recognize NARCC as an overall band planner in the affected area. We do not accept frequency recommendations from NARCC outside the repeater segments as of December 2010 and will not follow them.*

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