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| Subject | Harmonizing the HF-Bandplans in Region 1, 2 and 3 | | |
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Background:

Since the introduction of a Region 1 HF band plan in 2005 based on maximum bandwidth for modes in certain parts of the bands, it has been understood that harmonization of the band plans in all three Regions would be advantageous.

Exchange of experience with a band planning group in Region 2 has meanwhile led to a HF band plan in that region that is highly similar to the band plan of Region 1.

The situation of HF band planning in Region 3 is quite different. The Region 3 HF band plan still contains the subdivision by major operation modes like CW and Phone, beside Narrow Band Modes.

Situation:

As shown in the info paper "Band plan differences" the subdivisions in the HF band plan for Region 1 and Region 2 are quite similar, but the definitions are not.

A better harmonisation of band plans can be reached if the definitions and notes would be similar in all regions as well.

Key point and proposal:

To improve the harmonisation of band plans in all 3 regions it would be advantageous to have similar definitions and notes.

Recommendation:

It is recommended to set up a small correspondence group immediately with members of all 3 regions who will discuss the possibilities of a further harmonisation of the HF band plan.

A first step to further harmonisation would be having similar definitions and notes.

The outcome of the discussion within a one year period shall be presented to the HF Committees or equivalent group in the regions.

With the results of this consultation process the group is encouraged to come up with a common band plan proposal in the second year from now to allow appropriate proposals for the next General Conference in the three regions.