



SUBJECT	SSB contest preferred 40m		
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Introduction

Contest preferred segments have been established more than 20 years ago for the 80m and 20m band. At march 29, 2009 the 40m band in Region 1 will be extend by additional 100 kHz up to 7200 kHz with primary status. With such extension an updated 40m bandplan could identify contest preferred segments too.

Background

The contest preferred segments on 80m and 20m have been a good guideline for contest organizers to limit contest activity to these segments by the rules. The 40m band was not wide enough for such scheme, but a separation of non-contesters from contesters will be possible after an updated bandplan for 40m gets effective. At certain times the 40m band is the only band capable for communication over a certain distance, e.g. when conditions are not in favour for QSO on 80m or 30m, and a wideband mode is to be used.

Proposal

It is proposed to establish SSB contest preferred segments on 40m:

below 7100 kHz in all of the "all modes, 2700 Hz" segment

above 7100 kHz in part of the "all modes, 2700 Hz" segment, preferable 7150-7200 kHz

Recommendation

The Bandplan Working Group is requested to include SSB contest preferred segments in the 40m bandplan.

