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Subject: IACC CHARTER

We are the recognized Amateur Radio Frequency Coordinator for Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. The IACC has been in existence since 1978. Our goal is to provide frequency and mode coordination for all amateur radio repeaters, remotes, and links, that operate in the recognized repeater sub bands designated by the FCC in use in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho in a manner to reduce interference and provide harmonious existence of the current nearly 350 coordinated amateur radio repeaters, links, and remotes in our coordination area.

The only "authority" that we have is that we are recognized by the ARRL, other regional frequency coordinators, and repeater operators in our area who believe in operating their stations and repeaters in a manner of "**Good Amateur Radio Practices**". Repeater coordination while not mandatory is also mentioned in part 97 of the FCC rules. Please note paragraph 97.205(c) below:

§97.205 Repeater station.

(a) Any amateur station licensed to a holder of a Technician, General, Advanced or Amateur Extra Class operator license may be a repeater. A holder of a Technician, General, Advanced or Amateur Extra Class operator license may be the control operator of a repeater, subject to the privileges of the class of operator license held.

(b) A repeater may receive and retransmit only on the 10 m and shorter wavelength frequency bands except the 28.0-29.5 MHz, 50.0-51.0 MHz, 144.0-144.5 MHz, 145.5-146.0 MHz, 222.00-222.15 MHz, 431.0-433.0 MHz, and 435.0-438.0 Mhz segments.

*(c) Where the transmissions of a repeater cause harmful interference to another repeater, the two station licensees are equally and fully responsible for resolving the interference **unless the operation of one station is recommended by a frequency coordinator and the operation of the other station is not. In that case, the licensee of the non-coordinated repeater has primary responsibility to resolve the interference.***

We are not an autocratic frequency King. We have no allegiance to major clubs, associations, and organizations in our coordination area. Our only interest is to promote the fact that amateur radio operators have a responsibility in the "Public's Eye" to uphold the public trust and put forth smooth, excellent, and non-confrontational operations which enhance the stature of Amateur Radio e.g. operate in a responsible manner of "**Good Amateur Radio Practices**".

With nearly 350 systems in our area, it becomes very difficult to find operational space for all the Hams who are asking for coordination. We have an extensive data base of all the coordinated repeater systems and in some cases, un-coordinated systems in our area. Looking at various web sites I find that there are some systems that are not coordinated.

So here is our pitch. As noted above, we are not a frequency "King". We are here to provide assistance to those amateurs who operate repeater systems and those who wish to.

Please note that no individual amateur "owns" a frequency. The existing systems do not own frequencies, they have no claim on frequencies, and they have no rights to exclude other amateur from operating on those frequencies. That's where the Frequency Coordinator comes in. That's what we do. We request that you seek IACC coordination for your repeater whether it is a new request or a change of operational parameters or ownership.

If you wish to do so, we have provided formal IACC coordination paper work and some background information on the Web site. **Again, you have no “formal” or “FCC” requirements to be “coordinated,”** but understand that your “uncoordinated” system will receive no help from the IACC, if interference issue arises. As your system technical data is not publically listed in the coordinators data base, it has a much less of chance to be included in the any calculation that is used for placing new coordinated systems in operation **and will not be defended with the FCC should co-channel repeaters complain of interference.**

Should you have a repeater operating uncoordinated from a commercial repeater site, please note that these sites are there to make money for their owners. Many allow Amateur repeaters on their sites for low rates. Many quality repeater sites have been lost to the amateur population due to disagreements and fights between repeater owners and users. **The IACC will not support uncoordinated systems with a site owner if asked.** We require written documentation for any repeater operating at a location that is not owned by the repeater operator.

We would like to believe that you agree that these repeater systems, links, and remotes should be operated in accordance with **“Good Amateur Radio practices”** which includes the coordination process.

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