

RVTEC

RF Spectrum Committee

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TASKS

From 2007 Meeting

- ☼ RF Spectrum Committee is to continue its efforts.
- ☼ Generate RF Spectrum usage report for US Dept. of Commerce by November 2007.
- ☼ Look for ways to elicit response from a wider portion of the Oceanographic Community.
- ☼ Investigate methods other than RVTEC survey for obtaining Spectrum Use data.

RESULTS FOR 2007/2008

- ☼ Over 30 types of service were documented
- ☼ Seventeen survey respondents.

2007/2008

- ✿ Report was generated for NSF for submission to US Department of Commerce.
- ✿ Many thanks to all who responded.
- ✿ Particular recognition for the review and editing efforts by Annette DeSilva & Mike Prince.

Report Distribution

- ☼ Report to NSF/ US Dept. of Commerce is available at:
 - ☼ [Report of UNOLS RF Spectrum usage](#)
- ☼ [www.unols.org/committees/rvtec/reports/RF Spectrum Report to NSF 111907.pdf](http://www.unols.org/committees/rvtec/reports/RF_Spectrum_Report_to_NSF_111907.pdf)

Obtain Up front information from the Science user!

- ✿ Why we should insist on this:
 - ✿ Plain good business!
 - ✿ We can anticipate conflicts and provide workarounds.
 - ✿ Better insurance that we are operating legally!
- ✿ Up for discussion - The best way to accomplish this?

What we need to Know and How to get the Info

- ☼ Insist on disclosure of :
 - ☼ Types RF use required
 - ☼ Whether or not there exists a requirement for equipment or operator licensees
- ☼ Potential methods for accomplishing this
 - ☼ As part of the proposal process - most painless method for us
 - ☼ As part of the UNOLS ship scheduling process. This might be OK
 - ☼ As part of the pre-cruise questionnaire or

What to do Now?

- ❁ Spectrum Committee has produced a representative picture of the spectrum use by our community.
- ❁ While each year sees some additional usage, major changes will likely occur gradually as new services become available.
- ❁ With that in mind the committee feels that our effort has reached an end point and should be disbanded.