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Representing:

Self

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If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?

name details

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Ofcom should only publish this response after the consultation has ended:

Yes

Question 1: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposed overall approach to improving the management of public sector spectrum holdings and, in particular, with Ofcom's conclusion that it will generally be preferable for public sector bodies to interact directly with the market?:

No

Question 2: What factors do you consider Ofcom should take into account in determining the programme of reform in the framework for managing public sector spectrum holdings?

Charging Leisure boat users to use VHF and Radar frequencies will be a very negative step. Having VHF and Radar on board in my eyes is a great safety aspect. If you start charging people to use these safety aids it will discourage people to purchase these items and will mean boating will become more dangerous. At present if someone gets into trouble, if they use their VHF the coastguard can find where they are

located which is not the case if they use a mobile phone. Charging will discourage people to use VHF which will result in more problems for the rescue services, and with less people using VHF how will you talk to other vessels?? All this adds up to future problems on safety.

Question 3: Do you consider that the proposals should be phased in?

No

Question 4: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposals about the frequency bands that offer the greatest potential benefits from band sharing? Are there other frequency bands where the facility to trade or lease spectrum from public sector bodies would be particularly attractive?:

Question 5: Do you agree with Ofcom's proposed approach to awarding public sector licences and RSA?

No

Question 6: Should public sector spectrum trading be introduced at this stage in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man?

No

Question 7: Should there be additional grounds, eg safety-related, for Ofcom to refuse consent to a proposed trade in certain frequency bands or for certain applications?

Yes

Comments:

I am totally opposed to charging Leisure boating users for using VHF and Radar equipment.