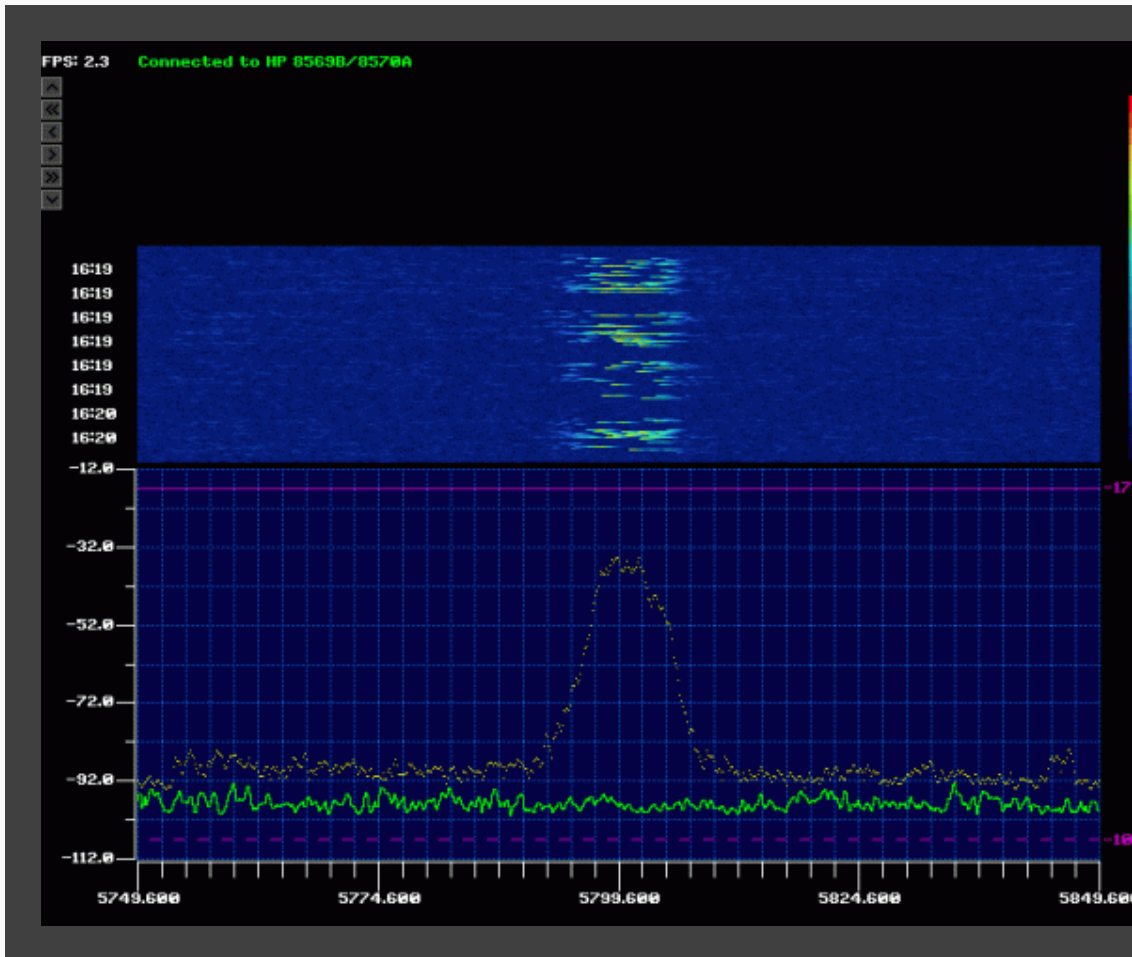


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### 5 MHz Amateur Band Usage - Ceases

Unfortunately the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) has advised us that they are not willing to approve another renewal of our 5 MHz trial allocation/licence.

**AS A RESULT, ALL USE BY NZ AMATEURS OF THE TWO 5 MHZ TRIAL FREQUENCIES, 5353.0 KHZ OR 5362.0 KHZ MUST CEASE FROM MIDNIGHT (11:59PM) ON THIS SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2020.**

This decision was not made lightly by NZDF - having access to the highest quality HF spectrum is very important to support their new platforms, tactical radio equipment and refreshed HF site equipment, all soon to be delivered. Additionally, access to HF is a key part of their communications plans both in NZ and

to support our forces overseas.

While this is a disappointing outcome, NZART would like to thank NZDF for allowing us to take part in the trial and we look forward to working with them in the future on matters of common interest.

**Note:** Although the trial is over (and all transmissions on the trial frequencies must cease), NZART will continue to work with RSM to see if there are other ways of providing New Zealand Amateurs with access to 5 MHz frequencies.

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