

ALASKA VHF-UP AWARDS

Purpose To encourage VHF+ activity in and with Alaska and to honor the achievements of operators within its boundaries as well as the stations who work them.

Goal To work or activate grids with land mass in Alaska. Acknowledgment of this will be given in the form of certificates and endorsements for incremental steps and plaques for achieving the ultimate goal.

Certificates Award Certificates will be issued for confirmed contacts all bands from 50 MHz to light.

Certificates will be numbered in the order stations are qualified and confirmed.

A list of certificate holders and plaque holders, along with their sequence numbers will be kept on the Alaska VHF-Up Group website on a special awards webpage. The Awards Chairman will document and number the instance and issue a numbered certificate or plaque to be presented by the AVG president (or his designate) at the next annual meeting.

Home Station Based State/ Province Certificates

The Sourdough Certificate will be given to any station who works 5 grids within the state of Alaska on any one band, 50-MHz or higher. Numbered band endorsements will be added to the Sourdough certificate for each band in increments of 5 grids.

One **Sourdough Plaque** will be issued to any station who completes certificate and endorsements amounting to 20 grids on a single band 50-MHz or higher. Plaques will be numbered in the order stations are qualified and confirmed.

Numbered band endorsements will be added to the plaque for each additional band where 20 grids are worked.

Portable / Mobile / Rover Based Certificates

The Pathfinder Certificate will be given to any portable/mobile/rover station who activates 5 grids within the State of Alaska on any one band, 50-MHz or higher. Numbered band endorsements will be added to the pathfinder certificate for each band in increments of 5 grids.

One ***Pathfinder Plaque*** will be issued to any station who completes certificate and endorsements amounting to 20 grids on any single band 50-MHz or higher. Plaques will be numbered in the order stations are qualified and confirmed.

Numbered band endorsements will be added to the plaque for each additional band where 20 grids are worked.

Contact Qualifications

Contacts made via man-made satellites, repeaters, aeronautical or orbital stations are NOT eligible.

Contacts on 146.52 MHz are NOT eligible. National calling frequencies on other VHF+ bands are allowed.

Contacts made via any natural propagation medium such as tropo, E-skip and meteor-scatter are valid contacts as are EME contacts. CW, SSB, AM, FM-simplex, and digital modes are eligible.

Contacts for the Sourdough Award must be made from within 200km of your current home station.

Confirmation of contacts will be submission of a log of contacts showing: date, time, both call-signs, band, mode, and grid square exchanges. QSL cards will not be required.

Exchange will be the four-digit grid square. Signal reports are optional. Maritime Mobile contacts count for the grid they are located in if that grid includes land for the state of Alaska.

All qualifying contacts must be made **after 00:00 UTC January 1, 2009**.

Application Procedure

There is a one-time application fee of \$5.00 per certificate (US dollars) to compensate for preparation costs.

Certificate application will be made to the Contest Chairman of the AVG. The Contest Chairman must have his own application checked by a board member.

Upon completion of requirements, the Contest Chairman will forward a plaque application to the AVG president for final approval.

A complete submission for an award is a properly filled out log sheet. The ARRL VHF contest log form is acceptable and should be used as a guide for making out the log.

Include full postal address for shipping the certificate or plaque.

Certificates will be sent out as soon as practical at no additional cost. Plaques and endorsements will be charged at cost (plaque creation plus shipping & handling).