APPENDIX 3 ~ WARTS NET PREAMBLE & PROCEDURE (9/01/16)

Note: This section may be modified by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at any time.

1. "Is this frequency clear?" <If a clear frequency cannot be obtained, try moving the frequency plus or minus one or two kHz to continue the net>.

2. "QST, QST, QST. This is net control station _____ my name is_____ located in_____ calling the Washington Amateur Radio Traffic System. This net meets daily at _____PM local time on or about 3975 kHz." This net is affiliated with the National Traffic System, and all Amateurs with an interest in handling traffic are invited to check in.

3. "Is there any emergency or priority traffic?" "Any Relays?" <If yes, handle it>

4. *"Members are required to check in **SIX** times per MONTH to remain on the roster. Each Operator at a common QTH must meet this requirement. Full information is provided on our Website at **WWW.WARTSNET.ORG**."*

5. "Members are requested to be on time and to remain on the net frequency until the end of the roll call. If you must break the net, or relay, do so as directed by net control and by giving your call sign.

6. <Designate a relay station, IF DESIRED, and state > "All relays will be provided by _____ unless asked for by the net control."<You may ask for additional help for known distant stations. Stations not hearing NCS will be relayed periodically during the Net.>

7. "Are there any bulletins, QSTs, or Announcements?"<If yes, handle them>

8. "Are there any stations with formal traffic? Your call sign only."<List the traffic and then attempt to handle the traffic, Then keep trying throughout the roll call>

9. "Mobile stations are recognized as capable of operation in motion. Are there any mobile stations? Your city and call please"<Call for out-of-State mobiles, then in-State>

10. "Are there any contacts or informal traffic?"<If yes, handle them>

11. "Stand by for roll call of net members by city. *Visitor and late stations wishing to check into this net will be called for at the end of the roll call.*"<Even days start at the top. Odd days start at the bottom. *Encourage visitors to wait and check in under visitor checkins. Describe how you wish to handle breaks and relays.* Attempt to complete roll call and traffic handling in 30 minutes**. It is OK to accept check-ins out of sequence, but do not encourage the practice**>

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12. "Do we have any traffic listings or contacts?" <If yes, handle them>

13. "Do we have any mobile stations? Your city and call please."

14. "Stations wishing to become members of the WARTS Net must do two things. First, check in as a visitor at least eight times in one calendar month. Second, send a radiogram over the air to the Net Secretary, Randy AJ7B, asking to be added to the roster. Full details are available on our website at **WWW.WARTSNET.ORG**."

15. "Do we have any visitors? Your city, call, and name please." <Call for Western Washington, then Eastern Washington, then Out of State>

16. "Do we have any late or missed ROSTER MEMBERS "<Do by Roster Pages> "Your city and call please."<Reverse order on odd days>

17. "Any further business for WARTS Net before we secure the net?"

18. "This is _____ Securing WARTS net at _____ Hours." <Please get your report to Randy AJ7B A.S.A.P. **DO NOT TAKE CHECK-INS AFTER SECURING THE NET.**>