



United States Board on Geographic Names

Advisory Committee on Undersea Features

320th Meeting
November 9, 2006
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
Bethesda, Maryland

Minutes

1. OPENING

Mr. WALTER called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Attendance

Members:

Norm CHERKIS, Naval Research Laboratory (retired)
Sandy SHOR, National Science Foundation
Skip THEBERGE, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Gerry WALTER, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

Ex Officio:

Trent PALMER, ACUF Secretary

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda (Attachment 1).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ACUF 319

The Committee approved the minutes of the 319th meeting.

4. COMMUNICATION

Mr PALMER noted the following items:

- At the November 1 BGN Meeting it was decided that ACUF has primary purview over handling issues regarding undersea features that lie within twelve nautical miles of the coast of Antarctica. The question arose about whether or not ACUF or the Advisory Committee on Antarctic Names (ACAN) was responsible for the names of features within this zone. Mr. PALMER and Mr. Lou YOST, ACAN Secretary, were unaware if this had ever been addressed in policy. ACAN recently received for a new name proposal for a feature within this zone. The proposal will be forwarded

for handling to ACUF. Mr. PALMER will check to see if there have been any features in this zone named in the past of which ACUF is unaware.

- The BGN/Permanent Committee on Geographical Names for British Official Use (PCGN) Conference will be held from April 24 – May 3, 2006 at the U.S. Department of State. ACUF routinely submits a report on its activities to this biannual conference. Mr. WALTER suggested that perhaps this year the committee could prepare something more substantial.
- The Place Names Board of Estonia website (<http://www.eki.ee/knn/index2.htm>) includes seventeen worldwide undersea features. An effort will be made to add the variant names in Estonian and other languages listed therein to the BGN's Geographic Names Database (GNDB).
- There is to be a [Seamount Biogeoscience](#) special session at the American Geophysical Union (AGU) meeting in San Francisco, December 11-15, 2006. It is hoped that Dr. SHOR may be able to meet with the session organizers to talk with them about closer association between the Seamount Catalog project and ACUF.
- A shapefile of the undersea feature names file has recently been provided to Mr. Dan COLE, Smithsonian Institution and Ms. Jan BENSON, NOAA-Seattle.

Mr. THEBERGE reported on his attendance at the 2006 Council of Geographic Names Authorities (COGNA) Meeting to be held October 17-21 in Boulder, Colorado. He presented the opening address "Surveying in the American West with the Coast and Geodetic Survey." He also arranged a tour of the National Geophysical Data Center for some of the COGNA attendees.

Dr. SHOR reported the following:

- The report on the US Coast Guard Cutter *Healy* accident has not been released
- He attended the memorial service for Dr. Fred N. SPIESS, held on October 20, 2006 at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. He will check on the status of an undersea feature name proposal honoring Dr. SPIESS.
- The R/V *Marcus Langseth*, which is replacing the *Ewing*, is still undergoing modifications at Shelburne, Nova Scotia. The schedule calls for sea trials to begin in the Spring 2007.

5. NEW NAMES

5.1 Two names proposed by ACUF Member Skip THEBERGE.

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Coast and Geodetic Survey Seamount Province	PRVU	49°00'N	159°00'W	ACCEPTED
Dill Hills	HLSU	37°05'N	123°35'W	Accepted at ACUF 319; supporting documentation has now been received

5.2 The consideration of new names taken from The New Zealand bathymetric charts *Balleny* and *Hjort* was deferred until better data could be obtained.

6. DATABASE REVIEW XXI

<i>Proposed Name Change</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Lefavor Knoll	KNLU	45°35'N	157°23'W	APPROVED ; changed from Lefacor Knoll

Sengteller Seamount	SMU	49°50'N	157°45'W	APPROVED; changed from Sengfeller Seamount
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7. CLOSING

The Committee adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next ACUF meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at NGA on Thursday, January 11, 2007.



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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON UNDERSEA FEATURES**

Three Hundred Twentieth Meeting
November 9, 2006
1000 hrs
Erskine Hall 220
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
Bethesda, MD 20816

AGENDA

1. OPENING:
 - 1.1. Approval of the Agenda
 - 1.2. Approval of the Minutes of the 319th ACUF Meeting
2. COMMUNICATION
 - 2.1. Palmer
 - BGN News
 - Estonian online database
 - AGU Meeting
 - Recent data sharing opportunities
 - 2.2. ACUF Members
 - 2.2.1. Cherkis: visit to Seoul
 - 2.2.2. Theberge: COGNA
3. NEW NAMES
 - 3.1. Dill Hills
 - 3.2. Coast and Geodetic Survey Seamount Province
 - 3.3. Socotra Rock
 - 3.4. New Zealand 1:1M bathymetric Maps
 - 3.4.1. Balleny
 - 3.4.2. Hjort
4. DATABASE REVIEW
5. OTHER BUSINESS
6. CLOSING