

**SCUFN 32-05.1A****Report of ACUF Activities****I. The United States Board on Geographic Names (BGN)**

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) is the interagency organization authorized by the U.S. Congress to maintain uniform geographic name usage throughout the Federal Government. It provides the official place names required by law for use in Federal Government publications, including maps, websites, and documents.

**II. BGN Advisory Committee on Undersea Features (ACUF)**

The BGN established the Advisory Committee on Undersea Features (ACUF) in 1963 as a committee of experts in the ocean sciences, to advise the BGN on matters related to undersea features. As an advisory committee, ACUF does not have approval authority, but rather recommends actions for approval by the BGN. Currently, ACUF has eight members representing the Department of Commerce, the Department of Defense, the Department of the Interior, the Department of State, and the University of Hawaii.

ACUF is pleased to contribute to the annual meeting of the General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans Sub-Committee on Undersea Features (SCUFN) and submits this report on its recent activities. This report covers the period since SCUFN 31. ACUF is committed to maintaining and strengthening its close working-relationship with SCUFN.

**III. ACUF News and Updates**

Mr. Bobby Jovanovski is the newly selected Secretary of ACUF. Mr. Trent Palmer served as Acting Secretary until June 2019 and continues to serve as the Executive Secretary. Mr. Ryan Moore serves as ACUF Assistant and Mr. Gerard “Gerry” Walter is the ACUF Chair.

A database modernization activity that began this summer (2019) will take about two years to complete. The undersea feature names is part of the larger Geographic Names Database (GNDB), which is the official repository of the BGN’s foreign geographic names standardization program. One of the items on the wish list is to enable the creation of polylines and polygons for the named features in the database.

The BGN Undersea Features “gazetteer” includes approximately 10,000 names for 5,100 features. More information about ACUF, access to the undersea feature names database, and additional resources are available at <http://geonames.nga.mil/gns/html/acuf.html>. More information about the BGN is available at <https://geonames.usgs.gov/>.

**IV. Updates to Undersea Features 2018-2019**

ACUF has met twice since SCUFN 31. However, outcomes from ACUF’s 349th meeting (September 2018) were not included in last year’s report.

**Undersea Feature Names Approved by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names  
Since SCUFN 31 (2018-2019)**

	Feature Name	Position	Location	Proposer	Approval	GEBCO Gazetteer
1.	SCHMIDT Seamount	27° 01' 06"N, 175° 35' 56"W	Hawaiian Islands, North Pacific Ocean (U.S. EEZ)	Mr. Christopher Kelley, University of Hawaii at Manoa	ACUF 349 (Sep. 27, 2018); BGN 276 (July 16, 2019)	NO
2.	BERING Shelf	60° 07' 41"N, 170° 46' 57"W	Bering Sea	Ms. Meredith Westington, United States Extended Continental Shelf Program	ACUF 350 (Mar. 19, 2019); BGN 275 (April 16, 2019)	NO
3.	HOWARD Trough	27° 54' 30"N, 93° 49' 00"W	Gulf of Mexico (U.S. EEZ)	Dr. Chris Simoniello, Texas A&M University	ACUF 351 (Jun. 27, 2019); BGN 276 (July 16, 2019)	NO
4.	AGLIGADAK Canyon	53° 04' 48"N, 172° 51' 30"W	Bering Sea (U.S. territorial sea; U.S. EEZ)	Mr. Mark Zimmerman and Ms. Megan Prescott, National Marine Fisheries Service	ACUF 351 (Jun. 27, 2019); BGN 276 (July 16, 2019); Two features (No. 12 and 13) wholly within the U.S. territorial sea were approved by the BGN's Domestic Names Committee (DNC) (July 11, 2019).	NO
5.	AMLIA Canyon (change in position)	52° 37' 06"N, 173° 04' 06"W				YES
6.	AMLIA Sill	52° 31' 48"N, 173° 26' 30"W				NO
7.	AMUKTA Canyon (change in position)	53° 16' 48"N, 171° 37' 06"W				YES
8.	ASHISHIK Canyon	53° 53' 18"N, 168° 08' 36"W				NO
9.	ATKA Valley	52° 54' 24"N, 173° 55' 42"W				
10.	BERING Canyon (change in position)					YES
11.	BERING Valley (formerly Bering Channel; change in position)					NO
12.	BOGOSLOF Basin	53° 43' 24"N, 167° 03' 00"W				
13.	BOGOSLOF Sill	53° 40' 48"N, 167° 11' 06"W				

14.	BOGOSLOF Valley (formerly Bogoslof Canyon; change in position)					NO	
15.	BRISTOL Canyon	54° 51' 48"N, 168° 52' 12"W				YES	
16.	CARLISLE Canyon (change in position)	53° 10' 06"N, 170° 14' 42"W				NO	
17.	CHAGAK Canyon (formerly Inanudak Canyon)	53° 37' 00"N, 168° 25' 36"W					
18.	CHAGULAK Canyon (change in position)	53° 03' 06"N, 171° 21' 00"W					
19.	EAST ATKA Canyon	52° 51' 00"N, 173° 39' 36"W					
20.	EAST BOGOSLOF Canyon	53° 39' 42"N, 167° 27' 24"W					
21.	EAST SAINT PAUL Canyon (formerly Saint George Canyon)	56° 20' 36"N, 171° 35' 06"W					
22.	EAST SEGUAM Canyon	52° 55' 48"N, 172° 18' 36"W					
23.	HERBERT Canyon (change in position)	53° 27' 54"N, 170° 43' 12"W					
24.	INANUDAK Canyon (change in application)	53° 32' 54"N, 169° 02' 12"W					
25.	KOROVIN Canyon (formerly Seguam Canyon; change in position)	52° 34' 42"N, 173° 53' 24"W					
26.	LITTLE ZHEMCHUG Canyon	56° 49' 54"N, 173° 36' 36"W					
27.	MIDDLE Canyon (change in position)	57° 44' 00"N, 177° 02' 42"W					
28.	NAVARIN Canyon (change in position)	60° 31' 06"N, 179° 46' 48"W					YES
29.	OKMOK Canyon (formerly Okmuk Canyon; change in position)	53° 36' 42"N, 168° 07' 18"W					NO
30.	PERVENETS Canyon (change in position)	59° 21' 30"N, 178° 30' 30"W				YES	

31.	PRIBILOF Canyon (change in position)	56° 00' 00"N, 169° 04' 12"W				YES (Pribylov)
32.	SAINT GEORGE Canyon (change in application)	56° 04' 54"N, 170° 23' 24"W				NO
33.	SAINT MATTHEW Canyon (change in position)	57° 56' 42"N, 177° 39' 42"W				
34.	SAINT PAUL Valley	55° 22' 36"N, 173° 03' 42"W				
35.	SEGUAM Basin	53° 34' 00"N, 171° 46' 00"W				
36.	SEGUAM Sill	52° 47' 06"N, 171° 19' 48"W				
37.	SEGUAM Valley	53° 03' 48"N, 172° 31' 24"W				
38.	SOUTH NAVARIN Valley	59° 58' 48"N, 179° 25' 42"W				
39.	UMNAK Canyon (formerly Uliaga Canyon)	53° 12' 30"N, 169° 25' 18"W				
40.	UMNAK Valley (formerly Umnak Canyon)	53° 54' 54"N, 171° 53' 54"W				
41.	VOSTOCHNIE Canyon	56° 14' 00"N, 171° 02' 48"W				
42.	WEST ATKA Canyon (formerly Atka Canyon; change in position)	52° 47' 18"N, 173° 49' 12"W				
43.	WEST BOGOSLOF Canyon	53° 32' 24"N, 167° 39' 36"W				
44.	WEST SEGUAM Canyon (change in position)	52° 37' 24"N, 172° 36' 42"W				
45.	WEST SAINT PAUL Canyon	56° 28' 24"N, 172° 21' 24"W				
46.	YUNASKA Canyon (change in position)	53° 25' 12"N, 170° 52' 06"W				YES
47.	ZHEMCHUG Canyon (change in position)	58° 01' 48"N, 174° 49' 12"W				