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Naming proposals for undersea features

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Dear Yves,

we just had another meeting with the NZGB where they informed us about the status of the consultation process with the local iwi on the Chatham Islands. The situation is that the names will not be resubmitted in their current form but that there will be further consultation and communication between the Chathams and the Māori group that was part of the initial naming process. Once this has happened, I will then resubmit the (partly) new names to SCUFN asap.

This means, I'd like to have the names, or better the features, left as PENDING in the SCUFN database. As I remember, you said the pending period is two years, which gives us time until the end of this year. However, if your regulations dictate that they need to be taken out of the database before our resubmission, then feel free to do so. We will then hope that nobody else will survey one of the features and submit a totally different name before we had time to submit again.

Thank you for your patients and engagement in this naming process. I'll keep you informed!

Regards,

Simon