



United States Board on Geographic Names

Advisory Committee on Undersea Features

306th Meeting
August 24, 2004
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
Bethesda, Maryland

Minutes

1. OPENING

Mr. WALTER called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Attendance

Members:

Norm CHERKIS, Naval Research Lab (retired)
Jim ROBB, United States Geological Survey
Sandy SHOR, National Science Foundation
Skip THEBERGE, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Gerry WALTER, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

Ex Officio:

Trent PALMER, US BGN ACUF Secretary

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ACUF 305

The Committee approved the minutes of the 305th meeting with one addition. The absence of coordinates for the names that had been considered by SCUFN was noted. These will be added once the SCUFN 17 Summary Report is received.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. PALMER reported the following items:

- An ACUF folder has been created on the NGA ftp site <ftp.nga.mil> (directory pub/ACUF)

- Brazil submitted its United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) Article 76 outer continental shelf claim to the Commission of the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS) on 17 May 2004. The US Government has submitted comments on Brazil's claim. The US comments (attached) mention the discrepancies in naming of an undersea feature off the coast of Brazil, the Vitória-Trindade Seamounts. The Brazilian submission is available at http://www.un.org/Depts/los/clcs_new/clcs_home.htm.
- Related to the previous note, there was a 1999 article (attached) in which some scientists working with PETROBRAS, Brazil's national petroleum corporation discussed compiling a Brazilian undersea feature gazetteer. Secretary has written to the authors requesting information on the status of the gazetteer project.
- The 2004 Council of Geographic Names Authorities Meeting is to be held 19-23 October in Jacksonville, Florida. ACUF Member Skip THEBERGE is to deliver the Opening Address <http://cogna50usa.org/2004.htm>.

Mr. THEBERGE reported the following:

- He is scheduled to speak at the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne on October 19th, the same day as the COGNA Conference Opening.
- He discussed the plans to hold a short ceremony at NOAA to present a graphic of Shimada Seamount, named for Bell SHIMADA, to the honoree's son Allen SHIMADA, a current NOAA employee.

5. CONSIDERATION OF NEW NAMES

5.1 Four name proposals from Mr. Jim ROBB, United States Geological Survey.

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Emery Canyon	CNYU	39°34'N	071°48'W	ACCEPTED
McMaster Canyon	CNYU	39°44'N	071°37'W	ACCEPTED
Ryan Canyon	CNYU	39°42'N	071°39'W	ACCEPTED
Uchupi Canyon	CNYU	39°37'N	071°45'W	ACCEPTED

5.2 Names proposed to SCUFN at the 17th Meeting

Names proposed by the Head Department of Navigation and Oceanography (HDNO) of the Russian Federation Ministry of Defense

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Makorta Seamount	SMU	84°46'N	094°50'E	ACCEPTED
Garkusha Seamount	SMU	83°19'N	109°10'E	ACCEPTED
Rassokho Seamounts	SMSU	83°21'N	113°00'E	ACCEPTED
Zefirov Seamount	SMU	84°35'N	117°35'E	ACCEPTED
Shinkov Seamount	SMU	81°48'N	117°50'E	ACCEPTED
Teplov Seamount	SMU	83°48'N	119°30'E	ACCEPTED
Bukovskiy Knoll	KNLU	82°58'N	159°20'W	ACCEPTED
Vladimirskiy Rise	RISU	10°43'N	044°22'W	No Action: placed on hold by SCUFN
Gnitsevich Seamounts	SMSU	44°32'N	025°17'W	ACCEPTED
Georgiy Zima Seamount	SMU	42°29'N	019°00'W	ACCEPTED
Snezhinskiy Seamount	SMU	38°30'N	063°12'W	REJECTED. Feature is part of Atlantis II Seamounts; SCUFN to be contacted
Rybin Seamount	SMU	31°47'N	012°49'W	ACCEPTED
Lukin-Lebedev	SMU	44°26'N	024°39'W	ACCEPTED

Seamount				
Gramberg Seamount	SMU	15°23'N	051°05'W	ACCEPTED
Kazanskiy Seamount	SMU	26°14'S	039°15'W	ACCEPTED
Vartan'yan Seamount	SMU	33°35'S	031°10'W	No Action: Rejected by SCUFN
Yermolenko Seamount	SMU	42°24'S	001°33'W	ACCEPTED
Somov Hill	HLLU	57°20'S	058°31'W	DEFERRED

6. CLOSING

The Committee adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next ACUF meeting will be held at NOAA in Silver Spring, Maryland on Tuesday 5 October 2004.