



United States Board on Geographic Names

Advisory Committee on Undersea Features

311th Meeting

June 7, 2005

National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

Bethesda, Maryland

Minutes

1. OPENING

Mr. WALTER called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

Attendance

Members:

James ROBB, United States Geological Survey (retired)

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 310

The Committee approved the corrected minutes of the 310th meeting.

4. COMMUNICATION

Mr. PALMER reported the following:

- ACUF Member Skip THEBERGE has been nominated and accepted to be a Member of the GEBCO Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN).
- A brief update of the status of the undersea feature name Access Database was provided.
- He was contacted by José Luís FRÍAS, INEGI (Mexico). Mr FRÍAS is a Member of SCUFN and is working on a proposal to create a working group on undersea feature names standardization within the Mexican government. Mr. FRÍAS requested information on the undersea features in ACUF's database that fall within a zone of waters surrounding Mexico.

- As an outcome of an examination of “lessons learned” from the *USS San Francisco* incident, NGA’s Maritime Division (PVM) has identified the need for better coordination with the BGN database of undersea features. Related to this, the existence of the feature Enrique Guyot (BGN-approved) has been questioned. Dr. SHOR agreed to investigate.
- Two recent public inquiries about undersea feature names were recounted.

Mr. THEBERGE reported that he provided additional undersea feature naming history information to the Secretary.

5. DATABASE REVIEW XVI

<i>Proposed Name Change</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Cortes Bank <i>associated features:</i>	KNLU	32°28’N	119°10’W	Formerly Cortez Bank. Source discovered which showed feature was named for the steamer <i>Cortes</i> in 1853.
East Cortes Basin	BSNU	32°15’N	118°30’W	
Santa Rosa-Cortes Ridge	RDGU	33°20’N	119°50’W	
West Cortes Basin	BSNU	32°10’N	119°10’W	
North Tasman Seamount Seven	SMU	32°05’S	158°25’E	Formerly: North Tasman Seamount 7, Rumble III Seamount, Rumble IV Seamount. US BGN policy on numerals required the correction of these three names.
Rumble Three Seamount	SMU	35°45’S	178°28’E	
Rumble Four Seamount	SMU	36°05’S	178°00’E	

The following name was accepted for removal from the undersea feature file. The feature falls within the territorial sea of Australia.

<i>Feature Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
Beagle Reef	RFU	15°19’S	123°31’E

6. CONSIDERATION OF NEW NAMES

6.1 Two new names proposed in honor of the McArthur family. The McArthur family has been active in Oregon mapping, surveying and feature nomenclature and terminology since 1850. 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>
McArthur Canyon	CNYU	45°48’N	124°53’W	ACCEPTED
McArthur Escarpment	ESCU	45°54’N	124°57’W	ACCEPTED

6.2 One new name proposed in honor of RADM Steven J. Tomaszeski, retiring Oceanographer/Navigator of the Navy. Name proposed by RADM Tim McGee, Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command.

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Tomaszeski Seamount	SMU	24°25’S	164°35’W	ACCEPTED

6.3 Twenty-seven new names from Japan chart 6725. These names were considered at SCUFN XIV (held in 2001). Most of the features are shown but not named on JA 6725 (30 June 1995).

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Amanogawa Seamounts	SMSU	25°11'N	135°55'E	ACCEPTED ; includes features, as indicated below
Black Hole	HOLU	25°00'N	136°27'E	Feature type not accepted, but generic retained to preserve meaning; ACCEPTED as basin (BSNU)
Choshinsei Seamount	SMU	24°31'N	136°17'E	ACCEPTED ; one of the Amanogawa Seamounts
Hokusei-Ryusei Seamount	SMU	25°52'N	135°10'E	Hyphen not accepted; macron needs to be added; ACCEPTED as Hokusei Ryūsei Seamount ; one of the Amanogawa Seamounts
Inokawa Seamount	SMU	27°01'N	133°26'E	ACCEPTED
Junsei Seamount	SMU	25°19'N	136°00'E	ACCEPTED ; one of the Amanogawa Seamounts
Keto Knoll	KNLU	29°34'N	130°22'E	Generic not accepted; ACCEPTED as Keto Bank (BNKU)
Kita-Amami Seamounts	SMSU	28°40'N	131°48'E	Hyphen not accepted; ACCEPTED as Kita Amami Seamounts
Kita-Daitō Basin	BSNU	26°20'N	133°52'E	Hyphen not accepted; ACCEPTED as Kita Daitō Basin
Kita-Koho Seamount	SMU	26°45'N	135°22'E	Hyphen not accepted; ACCEPTED as Kita Kōhō Seamount
Koho Hole	HOLU	26°26'N	135°30'E	Macrons need to be added; ACCEPTED as Kōhō Hole
Koho Ridge	RDGU	26°40'N	135°05'E	Macrons need to be added; ACCEPTED as Kōhō Ridge
Kushimoto Hole	HOLU	27°24'N	137°34'E	ACCEPTED
Kyosei Seamount	SMU	25°35'N	136°12'E	ACCEPTED ; one of the Amanogawa Seamounts
Kyowa Seamount	SMU	28°12'N	138°49'E	ACCEPTED
Minami-Choshinsei Seamount	SMU	24°26'N	136°11'E	Hyphen not accepted; ACCEPTED as Minami Choshinsei Seamount ; one of the Amanogawa Seamounts
Minami-Rensei Seamount	SMU	25°12'N	135°10'E	Hyphen not accepted; ACCEPTED as Minami Rensei Seamount ; one of the Amanogawa Seamounts
Nansei-Daitō Basin	BSNU	25°00'N	132°45'E	Rejected; to be added as variant to Minami Daitō Basin; will request information from SCUFN.
Nanto-Daitō Basin	BSNU	25°20'N	134°20'E	Rejected; to be added as variant to Minami Daitō Basin; will request information from SCUFN.
Nishi-Kaitoku Seamount	SMU	27°55'N	139°39'E	Hyphen not accepted; ACCEPTED as Nishi Kaitoku Seamount ; SCUFN to be queried to confirm longitude coordinates; There is also a well-defined feature at 138°39'E
Oki-Daito Terrace	TERU	25°10'N	131°30'E	Macron needs to be added; hyphen

				not accepted; ACCEPTED as Okidaitō Terrace
Rensei Seamount	SMU	25°19'N	135°10'E	ACCEPTED ; one of the Amanogawa Seamounts
Saikaido Seamount Chain	SMSU	28°00'N	134°40'E	ACCEPTED ; ask SCUFN about difference between Summary Report (Seamounts) and Gazetteer (Chain); and westernmost longitude position.
Sanju Seamount	SMU	24°58'N	134°04'E	ACCEPTED ; one of the Chōju Seamounts
Sotsuju Seamount	SMU	25°03'N	134°16'E	ACCEPTED ; one of the Chōju Seamounts
Susami Seamount	SMU	26°40'N	138°01'E	ACCEPTED
Yaku-Shin Bank	BNKU	29°46'N	130°22'E	Hyphen not accepted; ACCEPTED as Yaku Shin Bank

7. CLOSING

The Committee adjourned at 12:45 p.m. The next ACUF meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at NGA on Tuesday, August 2, 2005.