



## United States Board on Geographic Names

### *Advisory Committee on Undersea Features*

299<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
September 9, 2003  
National Imagery and Mapping Agency  
Bethesda, Maryland

### *Minutes*

#### 1. OPENING

Mr. WALTER called the meeting to order at 0950 hrs.

#### *Attendance*

##### *Members:*

Norm CHERKIS, Naval Research Lab (retired)  
Sandy SHOR, National Science Foundation  
Skip THEBERGE, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
Gerry WALTER, National Imagery and Mapping Agency

##### *Ex Officio:*

Trent PALMER, US BGN ACUF Secretary

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ACUF 298

The Committee approved the minutes of the 298<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### 4. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. THEBERGE reported the following items:

- He has recently begun to scan some of the old maps/charts in the NOAA Library. He intends to save the files on to a CD and make this available to the Committee.
- Reports of an early predecessor to ACUF have been identified. The National Research Council's Committee on Submarine Configuration and Ocean Circulation first met in 1929. The first and second reports from this body have been found. This is the basis of a discussion found later in these Minutes.

Dr. SHOR updated the committee on his contact with Dr. Fryer concerning the HMRG Deep (see ACUF 298 Minutes). The original article in which this name first appeared was made available. Dr. SHOR will send to the Members. The article clearly states that the name used in informal. Dr. Fryer is to pursue handling the official naming proposal.

Mr. CHERKIS reported the following items:

- The new Hydrographer of Japan is Mr. Hideo NISHIDA. Mr. CHERKIS has contacted him to inquire about the status of an official Japanese undersea feature name database.
- GEBCO SCUFN Meeting XVII is scheduled for June 2004 in Saint Petersburg, Russia.

Mr. PALMER reported the following items:

- Jointly reported with Mr. THEBERGE about the meeting with Ms. CHOI of the Korea Maritime Institute. Messrs. CHERKIS, PALMER and THEBERGE met with Ms. CHOI at NOAA on 12 August to discuss undersea feature name standardization. Ms. CHOI has subsequently been in contact with Mr. PALMER and is expressing interest in more information concerning maritime feature toponymy.
- Has learned through Ms. Lisa TAYLOR, NGDC, that Mexico may be interested in having someone from BGN serve as an advisor for geographic name standardization efforts there.
- Informed the group on the reunification of the geographic names activities within NIMA into one organization. The projected effective date is 1 October. The staff involved in this work had been divided into regional organizations in 2000.
- The issue of identifying a replacement for Dr. EDGAR, USGS, was discussed. Secretary related the recent communications on this issue. Will await a recommendation from USGS's Mr. John HAINES.

#### 5. STATUS ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE COGNA MEETING

Mr. WALTER briefly discussed the preparations that he and Mr. TURNBULL of the NPC are making. Mr. THEBERGE will plan to return to NIMA some day soon to work on this project.

#### 6. POLICY DISCUSSION

Mr. PALMER distributed the results of an inventory of *deep* and *deep*-related names in the GNDB and in historical records. This listing serves as a starting point from which an analysis and review of these features may be conducted. ACUF will make recommendations as to which features should be approved as deeps, which should be variants or otherwise categorized.

#### 7. UNDERSEA FEATURES DATABASE REVIEW UPDATE XI

- The following database corrections were approved as presented below:

<i>Proposed Name Change</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Davis Sill	SILU	65°30'N	057°00'W	REAFFIRMED; Davis Strait Rise, previously approved as a separate feature, will be made a variant. It was determined that the two refer to the same feature
Dybe Rende	BSNU	57°45'N	011°20'E	Delete from UF file; feature is in Swedish territorial waters Name already exists in Sweden file (UFI: -2477195)
Grampian Trough	TRGU	13°37'N	080°27'W	Coordinates corrected from 15°02'N, 79°55'W (data entry error).

8. DISCUSSION OF UNDERSEA FEATURES DISCOVERED BY THE *CARNEGIE*

Mr. Theberge brought in the 1930 Report of the Committee on Submarine Configuration and Ocean Circulation (National Research Council). A number of names have been identified which apply to existing features in the database. These are most likely the first names given to the features. When appropriate, these will be added to the database as variant names. Bauer Deep and Fleming Deep will be addressed during the examination of all *deep* names at future meetings.

<i>“Carnegie” Name</i>	<i>ACUF-approved Name (when approved)</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
Ault Peak	Schumann Seamount (ACUF 120)	SMU	25°42’N	160°11’W
Bauer Deep	Bauer Basin (ACUF 149)	BSNU	10°00’S	101°45’W
Belknap Submerged Mountain	Erben Tablemount (ACUF 15)	TMTU	32°52’N	132°32’W
Carnegie Ridge	Carnegie Ridge (ACUF 42)	RDGU	01°00’S	085°00’W
Fleming Deep				
Hayes Peak	Fieberling Tablemount (ACUF 15)	TMTU	32°22’N	127°50’W
Merriam Rise	Merriam Spur (ACUF 13)	SPRU	25°00’S	082°30’W

9. CONSIDERATION OF NEW NAMES

One new name in honor of RADM Thomas Q. Donaldson, V, the retiring Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command. Name proposed by CAPT Frank Grandau, Chief of Staff, Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command.

Donaldson Seamount	SMU	35°12’S	160°36’W	APPROVED
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10. CLOSING

The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be held at NIMA Bethesda on October 16, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. The Committee adjourned at 12:00 p.m.