



## United States Board on Geographic Names

### *Advisory Committee on Undersea Features*

301<sup>st</sup> Meeting  
February 10, 2004  
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency  
Bethesda, Maryland

### *Minutes*

#### 1. OPENING

Mr. WALTER called the meeting to order at 9:45 am. Mr. Doug ROSS, the one visitor at today's meeting, was introduced. He is the new Deputy Branch Chief of the Political Geography Branch.

#### *Attendance*

##### *Members:*

Norm CHERKIS, Naval Research Lab (retired)  
Skip THEBERGE, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
Gerry WALTER, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

##### *Ex Officio:*

Randy FLYNN, US BGN Executive Secretary for Foreign Names  
Trent PALMER, US BGN ACUF Secretary

##### *Visitors:*

Doug ROSS, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ACUF 300

The Committee approved the minutes of the 300<sup>th</sup> meeting, noting several typographical errors requiring correction.

#### 4. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. CHERKIS reported that he still has received no response from the new Hydrographer of Japan, Mr. Hideo NISHIDA, concerning the status of an official Japanese undersea feature names database.

Mr. FLYNN reported the following items:

- The next US BGN Foreign Names Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday 25 February 2004 at NGA-Bethesda.
- The Twenty-second Session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) is scheduled for 20-29 April 2004 in New York. Mr. FLYNN serves as the Liaison between UNGEGN and the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO). He will work with Mr. Michel HUET, International Hydrographic Bureau (IHB), to prepare a report for the conference. Mr. FLYNN and Mr. PALMER plan to attend.

Mr. THEBERGE reported the following items:

- RADM NYGREN, founding ACUF Member, has written a short history of the committee. Mr. THEBERGE will make the narrative available to those who are interested.
- He has located several copies of Names Decisions of the then United States Board on Geographical Names from the late 1930s and early 1940s. These documents include what are thought to be the first undersea feature names approved for US Government usage.
- Informed the group of the Ocean Explorer web site hosted by NOAA.

Mr. WALTER reported the following items:

- Work is underway to identify a feature to name for Mr. Steve Hall, Director, Office of Targeting and Navigation, NGA. Mr. Hall was formerly Chief, Maritime Safety Information Division and is retiring in April.
- He has tracked down the pictures taken at ACUF 300 and copies were made available to those present.

Mr. PALMER reported the following items:

- US BGN Issues
  - Mr. Palmer attended the 652<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the US BGN Domestic Names Committee (DNC) held 8 January 2004 at the US Department of the Interior. At the meeting, he reviewed recent ACUF actions of relevance to DNC (Attachment 1). Topics addressed included undersea features currently in the Geographic Names Data Base (GNDB), maintained at NGA, that fall within the territorial sea of the US; differences in DNC and ACUF policy; and differences in feature designations. After some discussion, Mr. FLYNN proposed that this issue be brought to the attention of the US BGN Executive Committee.
  - No response from BGN has been provided concerning the status of the ACUF Standardization Policy.
  - Mr. Jim ROBB's Membership to ACUF has been approved.
- SCUFN Issues
  - The International Hydrographic Organization's General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO) Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names (SCUFN) will hold their Seventeenth Meeting on 8-11 June 2004 in Saint Petersburg, Russia.
  - Some recent correspondence issues were discussed.
  - An updated Excel spreadsheet version of the SCUFN Gazetteer is now available. This document (dated November 2003) reflects actions taken at SCUFN Meeting XVI.
  - Mr. Palmer has prepared a new list of comments on the SCUFN Gazetteer. He will submit this to SCUFN Secretary Mr. Michel HUET.

5. UNDERSEA FEATURES DATABASE REVIEW UPDATE XII

- The following database corrections were approved as presented below:

<i>Proposed Action</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Dvořák Seamount	SMU	30°31'N	161°20'W	Accent added to agree with proper spelling of composer Antonín Dvořák.
Imarssuak Seachannel	SCNU	58°00'N	040°00'W	Coordinates corrected from <b>57°15'N, 44°00'W</b> . The new coordinates better reflect a mid-point of this feature.
Kangerlussuaq Valley	VALU	67°20'N	031°00'W	Corrected from Kangerdlugssuaq to agree with associated feature Kangerlussuaq, Greenland (fjord) (-2083196) and current Greenlandic orthographic rules.
Mangsi Great Reef	RFU	07°30'N	117°15'E	Remove from UF file; feature breaks water surface and is in the territorial sea of the Philippines.
Maniou Bank	BNKU	17°37'N	062°20'W	Delete from UF file; misspelled duplicate of approved name Manicou Bank (-154314).
Oleněk Valley	VALU	76°00'N	122°00'E	Added dieresis to agree with associated feature Oleněk, Russia (stream) (-2973798).
Protector Shoal	SHLU	55°59'S	028°10'W	Coordinates corrected from <b>55°59'N, 028°10'W</b> .
Richardson Seamount	SMU	40°12'S	014°41'E	Coordinates corrected from <b>40°45'N, 014°10'E</b> .
Sørkapp Bank	BNKU	76°40'N	015°30'E	Approved at ACUF 243 but not currently in GNDB. Will now be added to GNDB (9161343).
Topaz Seamount	SMU	08°12'S	000°48'E	Coordinates corrected from <b>08°12'S, 008°48'E</b> ; data entry error
Ubate Spur	SPRU	15°05'N	079°42'W	Deleted from database; Rejected at ACUF 262; was entered into GNDB by mistake.
Ullŭng Plateau	PLTU	38°30'N	131°30'E	Added diacritic to agree with associated feature Ullŭng-do, South Korea (island) (-718686).
Vema Channel	SCNU	30°30'S	039°10'W	Coordinates corrected from <b>30°30'N, 039°10'W</b> .
Vøring Plateau	PLTU	67°00'N	004°00'E	Used slashed o (ø) to agree with well-established historical usage of name.

Names to be identified as unapproved published names in the GNDB. These names had previously been inaccurately represented as ACUF-approved.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Geir Spur	SPRU	73°51'N	017°45'E	This name was made a variant of Geirsnaget, published on US chart 43000.
Hockings Patches	SHLU	10°34'S	141°36'E	Published on US chart 74005
Langliegga	EDGU	70°25'N	007°50'W	Published on US chart 38181

Leirdjupet	BSNU	74°20'N	020°50'E	Published on US chart 43000
Nordbakken	SLPU	71°11'N	008°07'W	Published on INT 10
Sørbakken	SLPU	73°40'N	019°00'E	Published on INT 10
Vestbakken	SLPU	74°25'N	016°15'E	Published on INT 10

Names to be identified as variants of ACUF-approved names in the GNDB. These names had previously been inaccurately represented as ACUF-approved.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Great Hellefiske Bank	BNKU	67°30'N	055°00'W	Variant of Store Hellefiske Bank
Greenland Abyssal Plain	PLNU	75°00'N	003°00'W	Variant of Greenland Plain
Guinea Abyssal Plain	PLNU	01°00'N	003°00'W	Variant of Guinea Plain

## 6. CONSIDERATION OF NEW NAMES

Names taken from Canada 800 (Oceanic Regions Adjacent to Canada: Bathymetry), 1:6,750,000, 1987.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Bight Fracture Zone	FRZU	56°50'N	033°00'W	<b>APPROVED</b>
Chukchi Shelf	SHFU	70°00'N	168°00'W	REJECTED
Faraday Fracture Zone	FRZU	49°30'N	027°30'W	<b>APPROVED</b>
Haida Channel	SCNU	49°15'N	129°00'W	<b>APPROVED</b>
Harrison Bank	BNKU	55°03'N	056°40'W	<b>APPROVED</b>
Labrador Shelf	SHFU	56°00'N	058°00'W	<b>APPROVED</b>
Makkovik Bank	BNKU	55°30'N	057°50'W	<b>APPROVED</b>
Maxwell Fracture Zone	FRZU	47°40'N	027°00'W	<b>APPROVED</b>
Nain Bank	BNKU	57°00'N	060°00'W	<b>APPROVED</b>
Talbot Trough	TRGU	77°30'N	075°00'W	<b>APPROVED</b>

## 7. CLOSING

The Committee adjourned at 11:55 a.m. The next ACUF meeting is scheduled for 9:30 am Tuesday 9 March 2004.