



United States Board on Geographic Names

Advisory Committee on Undersea Features

302nd Meeting
March 9, 2004
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
Bethesda, Maryland

Minutes

1. OPENING

Mr. WALTER called the meeting to order at 9:40 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 301

The Committee approved the minutes of the 301st meeting. There was a discussion concerning the Secretary's report on the US BGN Domestic Names Committee (DNC) meeting that he attended. Some wording was corrected.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. PALMER reported the following items:

- An article from the December 2003-January 2004 Sound Waves newsletter (USGS) was circulated which mentioned several undersea features off Point Conception, California.
- He prepared a summary table of all the undersea feature names which had been removed from the UF file because the feature either lies within the territorial sea of a coastal state or breaks the surface of the water. This listing was distributed to the geographic names analysts responsible for the foreign names files.
- An ACUF activity report has been prepared for the upcoming 22nd Session of the United Nations Group of Experts of Geographic Names (UNGEGN) in New York.
- Correspondence has been initiated between Mr. PALMER and SCUFN Chair Hans SCHENKE.
- The New Zealand research vessel *Tangaroa* is currently involved in a research voyage to the Ross Sea.
- On a sad note, the passing of Jack PIERCE was noted. Dr Pierce was a former ACUF Member (1969-1996) and Chair (1985-1989).

Dr. SHOR reported that Bob Dill had also recently passed away. Dr. Dill was the co-author of “Submarine Canyons and other Valleys of the Sea Floor” and was a NOAA employee.

Mr. THEBERGE reported the following items:

- Has received a request from Allen SHIMADA for a 3D plot of a seamount named for his father. Mr THEBERGE will ask NGDC if they might be able to produce a graphic for Mr. SHIMADA.
- Is still looking for features to name for Christian CARPINE and Jacqueline CARPINE-LANCRE. Mr. CHERKIS is researching the matter.

MR. CHERKIS reported the following items:

- 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.
- He has contacted Ian Wright, NIWA. New Zealand has indeed approved the name Campbell Escarpment for the feature formerly named Subantarctic Escarpment.
- The proposal for the name HMRG Deep has yet to be submitted.

Mr. WALTER reported the following items:

- Work is still 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.

5. UNDERSEA FEATURES DATABASE REVIEW UPDATE XIII

- 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>
Irving Seamount	SMU	32°23'N	027°37'E	APPROVED
Tittmann Seamount	SMU	45°10'N	157°45'W	Corrected from Tittman; named for Dr. Otto Hilgard Tittmann.

6. CONSIDERATION OF NEW NAMES

All names from New Zealand Bathymetric Sheet Kandavu and the Fiji Bathymetric Series Sheets were deferred for lack of sufficient supporting evidence.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Theberge brought in two drawings of the bathymetry of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean. These were done in 1882 by A. Lindenkohl.

Mr. Theberge briefly discussed a project that he has undertaken to identify the origins and history of undersea feature names in the ACUF-approved database. This information will be provided to the Secretary for inclusion in the text notes and eventually for an ACUF website.

8. CLOSING

The Committee adjourned at 12:05 a.m. The next ACUF meeting is scheduled for 9:30 am Thursday 8 April 2004.