



United States Board on Geographic Names

Advisory Committee on Undersea Features

303rd Meeting
April 9, 2004
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
Bethesda, Maryland

Minutes

1. OPENING

Mr. WALTER called the meeting to order at 9:45 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 302

The Committee approved the minutes of the 302nd meeting with one correction.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. PALMER reported the following items:

- The April US Board on Geographic Names (BGN) Meeting has been cancelled.
- The US BGN's Foreign Names Committee (FNC) is currently conducting a review of its role and manner of conducting business.

MR. CHERKIS reported on his attendance at the GEBCO Guiding Committee and Sub-Committee on Digital Bathymetry (SCDB) meetings held earlier this week at La Spezia, Italy.

Mr. ROBB reported on the recent Marine Geographic Names Workshop held at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole. Four attendees of today's meeting were present at the workshop. A general discussion of the subject matter followed. The ACUF Secretary's highest priority action item is to establish an ACUF website. Another action item for ACUF is to continue to seek closer cooperation with SCUFN, specifically through the adoption of a single name proposal form that could be used for both committees. The workshop was well received by the attendees and a follow-up meeting is being planned for September.

Mr. THEBERGE reported the following items:

- He gave a brief summary of the history of the naming of Bowie Seamount.
- He brought four items to give to Secretariat to keep as part of ACUF holdings. These are:
 1. EEZ Bathymetric Mapping Program 1984-1992: Multibeam Survey and Map Index. NOAA Ocean Mapping Technical Memorandum 92-1, U.S. Department of Commerce, December 1992.
 2. EEZ Bathymetric Mapping Program 1984-1992: Catalog of Multibeam Surveys, Volume 1. NOAA Ocean Mapping Technical Memorandum 93-1, U.S. Department of Commerce, February 1993.
 3. EEZ Bathymetric Mapping Program 1984-1992: Catalogue of Multibeam Maps. NOAA Ocean Mapping Technical Memorandum 93-2, U.S. Department of Commerce, March 1993.
 4. Atlas of NOAA's Multibeam Sounding Data in the Gulf of Mexico Exclusive Economic Zone, Volume 1. U.S. Department of Commerce, October 1992.

5. CONSIDERATION OF NEW NAMES

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Hall Hole	HOLU	43°22'N	069°37'W	PROVISIONALLY APPROVED Pending validation of feature existence

Named for Steven C. Hall, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. Mr. Hall worked for NGA and predecessor organizations since 1973, serving as Director, Maritime Division from 1996-2003. Name proposed by Mr. David Ridley, Deputy Director, Maritime Division, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

Three names in honor of the work done by the late Rear Admiral Paul A. Smith, United States Coast and Geodetic Survey in the northern Gulf of Alaska. The Coast and Geodetic Survey launch *Wildcat* was commanded by RADM Smith.

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Smith Canyon	CNYU	58°55'N	146°13'W	APPROVED.
Smith Escarpment	ESCU	58°45'N	146°24'W	DEFERRED
Wildcat Canyon	CNYU	58°36'N	146°47'W	APPROVED

6. RECONSIDERATION OF NAMES

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Campbell Escarpment	ESCU	51°00'S	177°55'E	APPROVED; Changed from Subantarctic Escarpment to agree with the change made by both SCUFN and New Zealand.

Names from New Zealand Bathymetric Sheet Kandavu, 1:1M

<i>Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Aname Bank	BNKU	19°47'S	171°45'E	REJECTED
Chimmo Ridge	RDGU	21°12'S	175°17'E	REJECTED
Chimmo Trough	TRGU	21°05'S	175°00'E	REJECTED
Colwyn Ridge	RDGU	22°00'S	174°00'E	APPROVED
Colwyn Trough	TRGU	21°14'S	175°25'E	REJECTED
Constantine Bank	BNKU	20°25'S	171°18'E	REJECTED
Constantine Basin	BSNU	20°00'S	173°00'E	REJECTED
Herald Ridge	RDGU	22°45'S	173°14'E	APPROVED
Herald Trough	TRGU	22°36'S	174°05'E	REJECTED
Kandavu Ridge	RDGU	20°13'S	175°56'E	REJECTED
Le Jeune Bank	BNKU	18°26'S	176°20'E	REJECTED
Moore Trough	TRGU	21°23'S	176°52'E	REJECTED
Patrick Bank	BNKU	19°48'S	176°36'E	REJECTED
Richards Ridge	RDGU	21°23'S	176°21'E	REJECTED

7. PRESENTATION

ACUF Member Skip Theberge presented his COGNA 2003 talk on the history of undersea feature names off the coast of California.

8. CLOSING

The Committee adjourned at 12:45 p.m. The next ACUF meeting is scheduled for 9:30 am Wednesday 26 May 2004.