



United States Board on Geographic Names

Advisory Committee on Undersea Features

313th Meeting
September 13, 2005
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
Bethesda, Maryland

Minutes

1. OPENING

Mr. WALTER called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

Attendance

Members:

Norm CHERKIS, Naval Research Laboratory (retired)
James ROBB, United States Geological Survey (retired)
Skip THEBERGE, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Gerry WALTER, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

Ex Officio:

Marcus ALLSUP, NGA Deputy Geographer
Trent PALMER, US BGN ACUF Secretary

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ACUF 312

The Committee approved the corrected minutes of the 312th meeting.

4. COMMUNICATION

Mr. PALMER reported the following:

- NGA's Political Geography Division (PRP) is soon to be restructured. Its current alignment of three toponymy branches (one in St. Louis and two in Bethesda) will be changed so that there are two toponymy branches (one in each location), a political boundaries branch and a policy and technology branch. Mr. Allsup will reassign to be Chief of the Eastern Geography Branch, the toponymy branch in Bethesda. Mr. Palmer will reassign as the NGA Deputy Geographer. The

full impact on the ACUF Secretariat is unknown. PRP plans to identify an individual to assume Mr. Palmer's former duties. The effective date for the personnel and organizational changes is 1 October 2005

- A copy of the Access database program on CD was provided to the members in attendance.
- The New Zealand Geographic Board has received approval to extend its authority to include undersea feature name standardization within the nation's continental shelf and the Ross Dependency. Implementation is pending appropriate funding, but the policy statements are currently being prepared.
- Two corrections to the spelling of two Japanese undersea feature names approved at Meeting 312 were noted and discussed.

Mr. WALTER informed the group that NGA's Maritime Division (PVM) has a new Chief, CAPT Paul HEIM, US Navy, and a new Deputy Chief, Mr. Joseph MILLER.

Mr. CHERKIS reported that GEBCO is looking into going online and has offered the worldwide bathymetric database to the Microsoft Corporation for inclusion in its Virtual Earth product.

Mr THEBERGE reported the following:

- He continues his work on compilation of the history of the undersea feature charting and naming. He has recently emailed an update of his files to the ACUF group.
- Noted that a recent Canadian-published atlas of the oceans includes the GEBCO Sheets.

5. PREPARATIONS FOR THE 18TH MEETING OF IHO/IOC GEBCO SCUFN

Messrs. ALLSUP, CHERKIS, PALMER and THEBERGE all plan to attend the upcoming meeting to be held 3-6 October at the International Hydrographic Bureau in Monaco. Mr. Palmer distributed copies of his comments on the recent SCUFN Excel-format Gazetteer. Additionally, an agenda for the meeting was circulated.

6. CONSIDERATION OF NEW NAMES

Twenty-six new names taken from Japan chart 6726 (22 March 1996). These names were considered at SCUFN XIV

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Higashi Seamount	SMU	26°08'N 25°59'N	144°00'E 144°02'E	REJECTED ; dual-peaked feature lies on feature approved by ACUF as Broken-Top Guyot; SCUFN approved this feature as CHUO Hill
Higashi Seamount	SMU	26°14'N	144°42'E	ACCEPTED
Hokutō Knoll	KNLU	26°25'N	144°36'E	ACCEPTED ; SCUFN approved as Hokuto Hill
Hotokenoza Seamount	SMU	25°03'N	148°35'E	One of the Harunonanakusa Seamounts; ACCEPTED
Imotojima Knoll	KNLU	25°28'N	142°40'E	ACCEPTED as Imōtojima Knoll
Kaede Escarpment	ESCU	29°04'N	145°48'E	ACCEPTED
Kaede Seamount	SMU	28°08'N	146°15'E	ACCEPTED
Kaijin Knoll	KNLU	24°33'N	141°20'E	One of the Kaitoku Seamounts; ACCEPTED
Kaise Knoll	KNLU	24°50'N	141°08'E	Located within Japan's territorial sea; not accepted by ACUF
Kaitoku Seamounts	SMSU	25°08'N	149°08'E	ACCEPTED

Kaitoku Seamount	SMU	26°04'N	140°57'E	One of the Kaitoku Seamounts; ACCEPTED ; SCUFN approved as Kaitoku Bank
Kanrin Seamount	SMU	24°07'N	150°00'E	ACCEPTED as Kanrin Tablemount (TMTU)
Kita-Fukutoku Bank	BNKU	24°25'N	141°25'E	Located within Japan's territorial sea; not accepted by ACUF
Kita-Iō Bank	BNKU	25°19'N	141°14'E	Located within Japan's territorial sea; not accepted by ACUF
Kita-Kaise Bank	BNKU	25°10'N	141°15'E	ACCEPTED as Kita Kaise Knoll (KNLU)
Nazuna Seamount	SMU	25°28'N	149°29'E	One of the Harunonanakusa Seamounts; ACCEPTED
Nishi-Fukutoku Seamount	SMU	24°03'N	141°14'E	One of the Kaitoku Seamounts; ACCEPTED as Nishi Fukutoku Seamount
Nishi-Iō Knoll	KNLU	24°53'N	140°35'E	ACCEPTED as Nishi Iō Knoll
Nishi-Kaise Knoll	KNLU	24°50'N	141°01'E	One of the Kaitoku Seamounts; ACCEPTED as Nishi Kaise Knoll
Ogasawara Plateau	PLTU	26°05'N	145°20'E	Deferred
Ogasawara Rise	RISU	26°00'N	144°00'E	Deferred
Senshū Seamount	SMU	26°21'N	148°47'E	ACCEPTED
Seri Seamount	SMU	25°50'N	149°36'E	One of the Harunonanakusa Seamounts ; ACCEPTED
Suda Ridge	RDGU	25°58'N	147°00'E	Deferred
Suzuna Seamount	SMU	25°13'N	148°17'E	One of the Harunonanakusa Seamounts ; ACCEPTED
Suzushiro Seamount	SMU	24°51'N	148°15'E	One of the Harunonanakusa Seamounts ; ACCEPTED

The review of this chart and consideration of the above deferred names will continue at the next ACUF Meeting.

7. CLOSING

The Committee adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next ACUF meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at NGA on Tuesday, November 1, 2005.