



## United States Board on Geographic Names

### *Advisory Committee on Undersea Features*

318<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
August 9, 2006  
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency  
Bethesda, Maryland

### *Minutes*

#### 1. OPENING

Mr. WALTER called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

### *Attendance*

#### *Members:*

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

#### *Ex Officio:*

Trent PALMER, ACUF Secretary

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ACUF 317

The Committee approved the corrected minutes of the 317<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### 4. COMMUNICATION

Mr PALMER noted the following items:

- BGN Items:
  - Mr. Lou YOST, United States Geological Survey, has been named the Acting BGN Executive Secretary. Mr. Randy FLYNN, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency has now been re-instated as the BGN Executive Secretary for Foreign Names. It is hoped that a permanent BGN Executive Secretary will be named by the January Full Board Meeting.

- BGN Chairman Mr. Greg BOUGHTON is working with the BGN Executive Committee to revise the BGN Bylaws. Copies of the Bylaws were distributed to the ACUF Members for comment.
- No objections were raised to having the names and agency affiliation of the ACUF Members listed at the new [BGN](#) website.
- ACUF Member Skip THEBERGE will be presenting the Opening Address at the 2006 Council of Geographic Names Authorities Meeting to be held October 17-21 in Boulder Colorado.
- Other
  - There is to be a [Seamount Biogeoscience](#) special session at the American Geophysical Union (AGU) meeting in San Francisco, December 11-15, 2006. Mr. PALMER has been in touch with the session organizers and may try to attend to talk with them about closer association between the Seamount Catalog project and ACUF. Dr. SHOR noted that he plans to attend the AGU Meeting.
  - An article on names of “deep-sea features” posted at [Dive and Discover](#) was circulated.
  - The May 2006 USGS Sound Waves newsletter was circulated. It contained a feature on the release of the usSEABED database’s offshore sediment data for the Atlantic Coast region.

Dr. SHOR reported the following:

- At least two seismic operations are underway in the Arctic. One is the NSF-sponsored USCGC *Healy*. The permitting issues are very complicated by having to address protection of marine mammals and also avoidance of interference to subsistence hunting of the marine mammals.
- A letter was received from Dr. Bob FISHER in response to some queries about the background of several undersea feature names. The letter was passed on to Mr. THEBERGE.

Mr. ROBB distributed a CD containing the data over the Hudson Canyon region.

Mr. THEBERGE reported the following:

- He was a key contributor to a special issue of “Mains’l Haul: A Journal of Pacific Maritime History.” The issue focuses on the U.S. Coast Survey in the Pacific 1802-2007. The journal is published by the Maritime Museum of San Diego.
- He provided an update on his literature review and name origins research.
- He asked the committee to consider whether or not it wished to submit the names in our database which are the U.S. exclusive economic zone to GEBCO SCUFN as new proposals.

Mr. WALTER reported the following:

- Circulated a draft letter of appreciation for retired BGN Executive Secretary Roger PAYNE.
- Announced that NGA’s new Director is Vice Admiral Robert B. MURRETT, U.S. Navy.
- He circulated an article on an underwater volcano, Empedocles, which recently erupted off the coast of Sicily.

## 5. REPORT ON SCUFN 19

Messrs. CHERKIS, PALMER and THEBERGE attended the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SCUFN held 21-23 June, 2006 in Bremerhaven, Germany. No written report of the meeting was presented at this time. A few comments were made about the events of the meeting. The official summary report is not yet available.

6. NEW NAMES

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Bōsō Canyon	<b>CNYU</b>	34°32'N	140°50'E	<b>ACCEPTED</b> ; Name taken from "Topography and Structure of the Trenches around Japan," 1986; also found in Excel spreadsheet of undersea feature names provided by JCUFN.

The following name was proposed by RADM Timothy MCGEE, Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, in honor of Mr. Ken David COOPER, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Ken Cooper Seamount	<b>SMU</b>	10°06'S	169°45'W	<b>ACCEPTED</b> as <b>Cooper Seamount</b>

7. JAPAN CHART 6315

A partial review of Japan chart 6315 (18 February 1993). These names were considered at SCUFN XIV (2001).

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Kerama Canyons	<b>CNSU</b>	25°44'N	126°42'E	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
Kita Daitō Seamount	<b>SMU</b>	26°29' N	129°58' E	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
Kita Okidaitō Seamount	<b>SMU</b>	25°27' N	129°33' E	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
Minami Daitō Seamount	<b>SMU</b>	26°06' N	129°56' E	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
Minami Okidaitō Seamount	<b>SMU</b>	24°25' N	129°24' E	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
Okidaitō Seamount	<b>SMU</b>	25°01' N	129°27' E	Designation not acceptable; feature is a knoll; <b>ACCEPTED as Okidaitō Knoll (KNLU)</b>
Okinoerabu Canyon	<b>CNYU</b>	27°14' N	129°00' E	<b>ACCEPTED</b>

8. JAPAN-IZU-MARIANA TRENCH SYSTEM

This item was deferred.

9. DATABASE REVIEW XX

Nineteen names are to be removed from the UF File and placed into the Japan file (JA). These features are completely within the territorial sea of Japan (see attachment).

10. CLOSING

The Committee adjourned at 12:20 p.m. The next ACUF meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at NGA on Tuesday, September 19, 2006.