



United States Board on Geographic Names

Advisory Committee on Undersea Features

319th Meeting
October 2, 2006
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
Bethesda, Maryland

Minutes

1. OPENING

Mr. WALTER called the meeting to order at 10:40 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 an updated agenda (Attachment 1).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ACUF 318

The Committee approved the minutes of the 318th meeting.

4. COMMUNICATION

Mr PALMER noted the following items:

- There has been correspondence with officials in the Japan Coast Guard concerning romanization of Japanese. At SCUFN 19, the Japanese representatives stated that their charts were no longer using macrons in the romanized forms. The correspondence revealed that the practice is to leave out the macrons and not show pronunciation distinction in any manner (e.g. double the vowel).

- He was contacted by Mr. Kent ATKINSON of the New Zealand Press Association with questions about naming rights within the continental shelf of a coastal state. The reply was handled through NGA's Public Affairs Office. No subsequent reply from Mr. ATKINSON has been received.
- A page printed from <http://www.oceandictionary.net/> was circulated. This site contains, among other things a list of undersea features in Japanese *kana* script and *kanji* characters.
- The obituary for pioneer oceanographer Ms. Marie THARP, who recently passed away, was circulated.

Dr. SHOR reported the following:

- The NSF-sponsored US Coast Guard Cutter *Healy* cruise in the Arctic was terminated following the tragic deaths of two divers of the crew. The captain was relieved of his duties, the ship sent to home port and the remainder of the surveying season was cancelled. Some information is available at the ship's website <http://www.uscg.mil/pacarea/healy/>.
- Dr. Fred N. SPIESS, affiliated with the Scripps Institution of Oceanography for over 50 years, passed away on September 8th, 2006. Dr. SPIESS was a pioneer in remote sensing of the seafloor and served as the academic advisor for many of the influential scientists working in the discipline today.

Mr. ROBB noted that Mr. Mark MYERS has been installed as the new Director, United States Geological Survey.

5. NEW NAMES

Two names proposed by ACUF Member Skip Theberge.

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Coast and Geodetic Survey Seamount Province	PRVU	49°00'N	159°00'W	deferred ; additional research and proposal packet required; general support of proposal was expressed.
Dill Hills	HLSU	37°05'N	123°35'W	ACCEPTED pending receipt of formal proposal package

The following names were considered and approved at SCUFN 14 (2001).

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Brouwer Trough	TRGU	24°25'S	100°45'E	ACCEPTED
Zeewyk Ridge	RDGU	23°50'S	100°35'E	ACCEPTED
De Santerém-Escobar Bank	BNKU	02°45'N	008°08'E	ACCEPTED
Gabon Canyon	CNYU	00°30'N	008°18'E	ACCEPTED
Mungo Park Seamounts	SMSU	00°30'N	002°05'E	ACCEPTED as Park Seamounts
Paul du Chaillu Seamounts	SMSU	01°55'S	005°00'E	ACCEPTED as Du Chaillu Seamounts
Pierre Brazza Seamounts	SMSU	04°45'S	003°55'E	ACCEPTED as Brazza Seamounts

6. JAPAN-IZU-MARIANA TRENCH SYSTEM

This issue had been deferred from Meeting 317. Additional research has been performed and the committee felt better able to make a decision. The summary information is repeated below and the final recommendations are recorded.

During the recent review of Japan chart 6726 the issue was raised about the BGN names along this trench system being out of step with SCUFN. An action was taken to take a look at some references and history to attempt to either resolve the difference or maintain the BGN position. Various printings of International series chart 510 were brought to today's meeting (French, British and US versions). The original Japanese chart was also consulted but not presented at the meeting. All four charts use the names as approved by SCUFN.

SCUFN		BGN	
Kuril-Kamchatka Trench	41°N, 145°E to 54°N, 163°E	Kuril Trench	47°N, 155°E
Japan Trench	36°N, 142°50'E to 40°30'N, 144°30'E	Japan Trench	37°N, 143°E
Izu-Ogasawara Trench	32°N, 142°10'E	Izu Trench	31°N, 142°E
Mariana Trench	11°N, 141°30'E to 24°30'N, 143°30'E	Bonin Trench	23°N, 145°E
		Mariana Trench	15°N, 147°30'E

All were in agreement to provisionally approve names changes to agree with international practice. This would result in the following changes:

<i>Proposed Name Change</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Kuril-Kamchatka Trench	TRNU	47°00'N	155°00'E	APPROVED; changed from Kuril Trench
Izu-Ogasawara Trench	TRNU	31°00'N	142°00'E	APPROVED; changed from Izu Trench
<i>delete:</i> Bonin Trench	TRNU	23°00'N	145°00'E	No longer to be considered a separate feature; to be made a variant of Mariana Trench , now at 17°45'N, 142°30'E

7. CLOSING

The Committee adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next ACUF meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at NGA on Thursday, November 09, 2006.



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1000 hrs
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AGENDA

1. OPENING:
 - 1.1. Approval of the Agenda
 - 1.2. Approval of the Minutes of the 318th ACUF Meeting
2. COMMUNICATION
 - 2.1. Palmer
 - 2.1.1. Japanese Romanization
 - 2.1.2. New Zealand press inquiry
 - 2.1.3. Ocean Dictionary.net
 - 2.1.4. Marie Tharp
 - 2.2. ACUF Members
3. NEW NAMES
 - 3.1. Coast and Geodetic Survey Seamounts
 - 3.2. Dill Hills
 - 3.3. Names from SCUFN 14
 - 3.3.1. R. Fisher (GEBCO 5.09)
 - 3.3.1.1. Brouwer Trough
 - 3.3.1.2. Zeewyk Ridge
 - 3.3.2. O. Parviller (IBCEA 1.11 and 1.12)
 - 3.3.2.1. De Santarém-Escobar Bank
 - 3.3.2.2. Gabon Canyon
 - 3.3.2.3. Mungo Park Seamounts
 - 3.3.2.4. Paul du Chaillu Seamounts
 - 3.3.2.5. Pierre Brazza Seamounts
4. DEFERRED NAMES
 - 4.1. Japan-Izu-Mariana Trench system
5. OTHER BUSINESS
6. CLOSING

