



United States Board on Geographic Names

Advisory Committee on Undersea Features

321st Meeting
January 31, 2007
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
Bethesda, Maryland

Minutes

1. OPENING

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

Attendance

Members:

Norm CHERKIS, Naval Research Laboratory (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, ACUF Secretary

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda (Attachment 1).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ACUF 320

The Committee approved the corrected minutes of the 320th meeting.

4. COMMUNICATION

Mr PALMER reported the following:

- BGN News: The Executive Committee plans to meet and draft revised bylaws for submission to the Full Board for approval at the April meeting. There is no news on the appointment of a permanent BGN Executive Secretary.
- As a follow-up to the ACUF-ACAN purview issue in last meeting's minutes, Mr. PALMER examined all the ACAN-approved features to see if there are some undersea features which did not originate with ACUF. The Scientific Committee for Antarctic Research (SCAR) gazetteer was

downloaded and compared with ACUF's names. The SCAR gazetteer contains all the Antarctic names approved by the BGN (as recommended by ACAN) and other national authorities concerned with Antarctic toponymy. There are thirty-two undersea features names in ACAN's database which have not been considered by ACUF. Mr. Palmer will work with Mr. Yost, ACAN Secretary to develop the best way to move forward with this issue.

- The BGN/Permanent Committee on Geographical Names for British Official Use (PCGN) Conference will be held from April 23 – May 3, 2007 at the U.S. Department of State.
- A new email address has been created for ACUF-related inquires: underseafeatures@nga.mil

Mr. THEBERGE reminded everyone that this year NOAA is celebrating the 200th anniversary of the US Coast and Geodetic Survey. He will be presenting a talk on the history of the USCGS at Noon, Tuesday, February 6, 2007. A NOAA website devoted to the anniversary may be accessed at <http://celebrating200years.noaa.gov>.

Mr. CHERKIS reported the following:

- He recently visited Australia and Fiji. He spent two days at Geoscience Australia in Canberra and was able to acquire useful bathymetric data. Upon arriving in Fiji, the nation experienced a coup with the result of SOPAC being closed down.
- He circulated a copy of the recently produced *High Resolution Bathymetry of the Mediterranean Sea off Northern Israel*. John Hall, Geological Survey of Israel, was one of the compilers of the bathymetric data.

Dr. SHOR reported the following:

- The report on the US Coast Guard Cutter *Healy* accident was released on January 12, 2007.
- He will pursue the preparation of an undersea feature name proposal honoring Dr. SPIESS.
- He did attend the Fall Meeting of the AGU in San Francisco. While there he met with Dr. Anthony KOPPERS, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, about the Seamount Catalog project (<http://earthref.org>). There is great interest by the Seamount Catalog team (Drs. KOPPERS and STAUDIGEL) in cooperating with ACUF and linking the web sites in some way.

Mr. WALTER noted that Mr. Ken COOPER passed away recently. The former CNMOC employee frequently dealt with ACUF in submitting name proposals and was commemorated by the approval of Cooper Seamount late last year

5. NEW NAMES

5.1 One new name proposed by Prof. Eugene DOMACK, Hamilton College. The feature is named for a Korean Antarctic Program scientist who died in Antarctica in 2003

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Jeon Jaegyul Seamount	SMU	63°28'S	56°27'W	Name and designation not appropriate: ACCEPTED as Jaegyul Knoll (KNLU)

5.2 One new name proposed by Margaret KNUTH, National Science Foundation. The name has appeared in a number of journal articles, after first appearing in a thesis in 1987. The name was first used because of the feature's close proximity to The US research base Palmer Station.

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Palmer Deep	DEPU	64°57'S	64°24'W	Generic and designation not appropriate; ACCEPTED as Palmer Basin (BSNU)

6. REVISED GEONET NAMES SERVER (GNS) WEBSITE

Copies of the ACUF-related pages on the new GNS website were distributed to all present. The members were invited to review the pages and submit comments/corrections and suggestion to Mr. PALMER.

7. CLOSING

The Committee adjourned at 11:40 p.m. The next ACUF meeting is to be arranged for early March.



**UNITED STATES BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON UNDERSEA FEATURES**

Three Hundred Twenty-first Meeting
January 31, 2007
1000 hrs
Erskine Hall 220
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
Bethesda, MD 20816

AGENDA

1. OPENING:
 - 1.1. Approval of the Agenda
 - 1.2. Approval of the Minutes of the 320th ACUF Meeting
2. COMMUNICATION
 - 2.1. Palmer
BGN News (Bylaws; Exec. Sec)
underseafeatures@nga.mil
 - 2.2. ACUF Members
 - 2.2.1. Cherkis: Travel to Australia and Fiji
 - 2.2.2. Shor: AGU Meeting
3. NEW NAMES
 - 3.1. Jeon Jaegyu Seamount
 - 3.2. Palmer Deep
4. REVISED GEONET NAMES SERVER (GNS) WEBSITE
5. OTHER BUSINESS
6. CLOSING