



## United States Board on Geographic Names

### *Advisory Committee on Undersea Features*

316<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
March 17, 2006  
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency  
Bethesda, Maryland

### *Minutes*

#### 1. OPENING

Mr. WALTER called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

### *Attendance*

#### *Members:*

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

#### *Ex Officio:*

Trent PALMER, BGN Executive Secretary for Foreign Names, Acting ACUF Secretary

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ACUF 315

The Committee approved the corrected minutes of the 315<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### 4. COMMUNICATION

Mr. ROBB noted the following:

- Idaho Governor Dirk KEMPTHORNE has been nominated to be the new Secretary of the Interior.
- He recently provided comments of Australia's submission to the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

Mr. WALTER informed the group that NGA's Maritime Division website had been updated to reflect the NGA "look and feel" and was no longer on a separate server < <http://www.nga.mil/portal/site/maritime/>>.

Dr. SHOR reported that he will be going back to sea after 10 years of office duty. He will be working with Dr. Larry MAYER of the University of New Hampshire. He also provided an update on the status of NSF research ship programs.

Mr CHERKIS informed the group that he was offered some bathymetric data from a Canadian group doing work in the Beaufort Sea.

Mr PALMER noted the following items:

- The draft Summary Report of the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of SCUFN has been distributed.
- The GEOnet Names Server (GNS) is being updated and will make more undersea features information available. A demonstration will be provided as the completion date approaches.
- The GNDB is now accepting the input of non-Roman script characters.
- Former ACUF Member Terry EDGAR has retired from USGS.
- The obituaries for Mr. Bill HAXBY and Sir Nicholas SHACKLETON were circulated.

#### 5. MUD VOLCANO PROPOSALS

As a follow-up to last meeting's discussion to consider the approval of a new feature designation of mud volcano, Dr. Joan GARDNER, Naval Research Laboratory has submitted two proposals to be considered.

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Ginsburg Mud Volcano	<b>MVLU</b>	35°22'N	007°05'W	Designation not accepted; feature <b>ACCEPTED</b> as <b>Ginsburg Hill (HLLU)</b>
Yuma Mud Volcano	<b>MVLU</b>	35°25'N	007°06'W	Designation not accepted; feature <b>ACCEPTED</b> as <b>Yuma Hill (HLLU)</b>

The names Ginsburg Mud Volcano and Yuma Mud Volcano will be added as variant names. Secretary, without a vote, advised against the approval of the name Yuma.

#### 6. JAPAN CHART 6726

The review of Japan chart 6726 (22 March 1996) continues. 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>
Shichiyō Seamount Chain	<b>SMSU</b>	28°34'N	140°38'E	<b>ACCEPTED</b>

The names of the individual seamounts had been considered at previous meetings, but the group name had been overlooked.

Ogasawara Trough	<b>TRGU</b>	25°00'N	147°15'E	Already approved by ACUF; A change in the center coordinate point was agreed upon. End points will be entered into the database
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A discussion of the component names of the trench system including Japan Trench, Izu Trench, Bonin Trench and Mariana Trench was begun and subsequently deferred.

#### 7. DATABASE REVIEW XVIII

The following changes were made to conform to an agreement on Japanese Romanization made by the BGN at the 19<sup>th</sup> BGN/PCGN Conference (1998). The letter **m** is not to be used before **b**, **p** or **m**.

<i><b>Proposed Name Change</b></i>	<i><b>Designation</b></i>	<i><b>Latitude</b></i>	<i><b>Longitude</b></i>	<i><b>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</b></i>
Jinmu Seamount	<b>SMU</b>	46°00'N	169°25'E	<b>APPROVED</b> ; changed from Jimmu Seamount
Kanmu Seamount	<b>SMU</b>	32°10'N	173°00'E	<b>APPROVED</b> ; changed from Kammu Seamount
Kinmei Seamount	<b>SMU</b>	33°43'N	171°30'E	<b>APPROVED</b> ; changed from Kimmei Seamount
Nishi Tenpō Seamount	<b>SMU</b>	27°16'N	139°23'E	<b>APPROVED</b> ; changed from Nishi Tempō Seamount
Tenmei Seamount	<b>SMU</b>	29°04'N	139°04'E	<b>APPROVED</b> ; changed from Temmei Seamount
Tenpō Seamount	<b>SMU</b>	27°09'N	139°37'E	<b>APPROVED</b> ; changed from Tempō Seamount
Tonbi Canyon	<b>CNYU</b>	28°43'N	130°36'E	<b>APPROVED</b> ; changed from Tombi Canyon

#### 8. CLOSING

The Committee adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next ACUF meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at NGA on Tuesday, May 9, 2006.