



## U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

Advisory Committee on Undersea Features (ACUF)  
Three Hundred twenty-sixth Meeting  
February 5, 2008 (1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.)  
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency  
Bethesda, Maryland

### MINUTES

#### 1. Opening

Mr. WALTER called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

#### *Attendance*

#### *Members:*

Norm CHERKIS, Naval Research Laboratory (retired)  
Sandy SHOR, University of Hawaii [by telephone]  
Gerry WALTER, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)  
Skip THEBERGE, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

#### *Ex Officio:*

Trent PALMER, ACUF Secretary

The meeting agenda is at Attachment 1.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes of ACUF 325

The Committee approved the corrected minutes of the 325<sup>th</sup> meeting.

One new name in the Scotia Sea was proposed by the NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center and had been deferred at ACUF 325. Subsequently Mr. THEBERGE contacted the proposing organization and verified that it endorsed the below proposal. The name was considered ACCEPTED and was approved at the January 2008 BGN Meeting (240).

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Demer Canyon	CNYU	62°20'S	60°38'W	ACCEPTED

### 3. Communications

#### 3.1. ACUF Chairman

Mr. Walter reported the following:

- Noted that BGN Member from the State Department expressed concern over the recommended approval of the name Peru Trench.
- A possible new ACUF Member from United States Geological Survey might be Dr. Dawn LAVOIE, whom it is supposed, is based in Reston. Mr. CHERKIS is to follow-up on this issue.

#### 3.2. ACUF Executive Secretary: Not present

#### 3.3. ACUF Secretary:

Mr. PALMER reported the following:

- The five new names proposed by Dr. SMITH, University of Hawaii, and recommended for approval at ACUF 325 were deferred by the BGN. The Deputy Member from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service requested that some time be given so that representatives in Hawaii could be contacted about the proposals and the appropriate contacts made within the local community. The specific concern was that some of the features fall within the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. Subsequently, a shapefile representing the limits of the monument was obtained by Mr. PALMER. Mr. THEBERGE is checking with the NOAA representative and Dr. SHOR offered to find out more from Hawaiian officials.
- Circulated two articles of possible interest: A proposal for re-scheming of the regional International Bathymetric Charts (from *Hydro International*); and a discussion of the Alaska Region research vessel (from *Sea Technology*).

#### 3.4. ACUF Members

##### 3.4.1. Mr. THEBERGE reported the following:

- He asked Mr. Craig MCLEAN, NOAA, about possible ACUF membership. Mr. MCLEAN started NOAA's Ocean Exploration Program and currently is the Deputy Administrator of NOAA's research arm.
- He presented a talk at the Hydrographic Procedures Conference in Seattle in late January 2008.

### 4. New Name Proposals

#### 4.1 Names Considered at SCUFN 20

Three names submitted by the Japanese Committee on Undersea Feature Names (JCUFN):

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Amami Sankaku Basin	BSNU	27°50'N	134°00'E	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
Oki-Daito Escarpment	ESCU	21°40'N	131°45'E	Hyphen removed and macron added;

				<b>ACCEPTED</b> as <b>Okidaitō Escarpment</b>
Toyama Deep Sea Fan	<b>FANU</b>	39°10'N	137°20'E	deferred

Four names submitted by Yuzhmorgeologiya, Russia:

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Gordin Guyot	<b>TMTU</b>	16°58'N	150°44'E	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
Skornyakova Guyot	<b>TMTU</b>	16°52'N	149°53'E	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
Vulkanolog Guyot	<b>TMTU</b>	17°59'N	152°00'E	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
Zatonsky Guyot	<b>TMTU</b>	12°46'N	157°50'E	<b>ACCEPTED</b>

Four names submitted by Dobrolubova Geological Institute, Russia:

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Gorynych Hills	<b>HLSU</b>	77°54'N	5°21'E	Designation rejected; <b>ACCEPTED</b> as <b>Gorynych Knolls (KNSU)</b>
Litvin Seamount	<b>SMU</b>	77°42'N	6°43'E	<b>deferred</b>
Pogrebitsky Seamount	<b>SMU</b>	77°29'N	8°28'E	<b>deferred</b>
Svyatogor Rise	<b>RISU</b>	78°14'N	5°47'E	<b>deferred</b>

Three names taken from R.J. Davey's *Bathymetry of the Ross Sea*, 1:2M, 2004:

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Adare Basin	<b>BSNU</b>	71°00'S	175°00'E	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
Central Basin	<b>BSNU</b>	72°18'S	178°00'E	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
Davey Bank	<b>BNKU</b>	76°03'S	166°18'E	<b>ACCEPTED</b>

4.2 Two deferred names and two new names proposed by Dr. John R. Smith Jr., Hawaii Undersea Research Laboratory, University of Hawai'i:

<i>Proposed Name</i>	<i>Designation</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>ACUF Recommendation/Remarks</i>
Farris Seamount	<b>SMU</b>	25°39'N	172°55'W	<b>ACCEPTED</b> ; first proposed at ACUF 325 as Samuel Seamount. Feature falls within Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument and thus will not be approved by BGN until there is further collaboration.
Kilo Moana Bank*	<b>BNKU</b>	26°18'N	174°32'W	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
Malahoff Seamount	<b>SMU</b>	18°12'N	157°27'W	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
Walker Seamount	<b>SMU</b>	18°06'N	158°13'W	<b>ACCEPTED</b>

\*Following ACUF Meeting 325, the correct graphic for Kilo Moana Bank was obtained and the information verified. The name was considered accepted by ACUF but was deferred at the January 2008 BGN Meeting (240).

## 5. Other Business

Mr. THEBERGE offered to check with Dr. Peter LONSDALE on the status of the Spiess Seamount proposal(s).

## **6. Closing**

The Committee adjourned at 3:10 p.m. The next ACUF meeting is tentatively scheduled for sometime during the first week of April 2008.

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