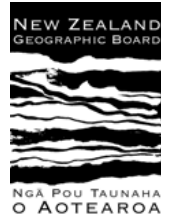


NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHIC BOARD (NGĀ POU TAUNAHA O AOTEAROA) ACT 2008

PROCESS FOR UNDERSEA FEATURE NAMES

(Not within New Zealand's 12NM territorial limit, but within the continental shelves of New Zealand and the Ross Dependency, Antarctica)



S. 15

Any person may submit to the Board a proposal for a **new/altered/discontinued/recorded** undersea feature name on the appropriate form

On behalf of the Board, the Secretary receives proposal and updates records

The Board (with assistance from TPK observer for those proposals outside the Ngāi Tahu rohe) seeks advice or obtains views from tangata whenua Māori, about proposals that fall within their rohe, in terms of the 'Protocol for Māori Place Names'

S. 10 & 11

The NZ Committee on Undersea Feature Names considers proposal & the views of tangata whenua Māori, in terms of its delegated functions and duties. Further information may be sought from the proposer

A detailed summary report of each proposal is prepared for consideration by ① the New Zealand Advisory Committee on Undersea Feature Names, and ② the New Zealand Geographic Board

Secretary verifies/validates supporting information received. Further research may be necessary, including referrals to other government agencies. Further information may be sought from the proposer

S. 26(1)

The Board may review existing undersea feature names already published in the GEBCO Gazetteer at the time of passing the Board's new Act, and that are within the Board's jurisdiction

NZ Committee makes recommendations to the Board

Board considers proposal & the views of tangata whenua Māori, in terms of its functions and duties

Board requests proposer to provide further information or to undertake consultation

Does Board support GEBCO name?

No

Declined

Yes - Approved

Does Board support proposal?

No - Deferred

No - Declined

Tangata whenua Māori advised

Proposer advised

Yes - Accepted

S. 19(3)
Board determination is final

If selected by SCUFN, then official undersea name will also be published in the GEBCO Gazetteer of Undersea Feature Names

For official undersea names that are not already listed in the GEBCO Gazetteer

Proposer and tangata whenua Māori, if appropriate, and SCUFN advised

S. 21

Final determination/approval as to official undersea feature name published in *NZ Gazette* and in newspapers and other publications

S. 31 & 32

Final official undersea feature name (assigned/altered/discontinued/recorded): published on bathymetric charts, hydrographic charts, other publications, in the New Zealand Gazetteer of Official Geographic Names, and other electronic databases

Existing official undersea feature name is retained: maps, charts, other publications, and electronic databases not affected, but status change to official in New Zealand Gazetteer of Official Geographic Names

No official undersea feature name (assigned/altered/discontinued/recorded): maps, charts, other publications, and electronic databases not affected, but non-official status added to New Zealand Gazetteer of Official Geographic Names

Information available to any person making proposals includes:

- 1. a proposal form with accompanying guidance notes;*
- 2. a fact sheet;*
- 3. New Zealand Geographic Board (Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa) Act 2007;*
- 4. naming guidelines;*
- 5. standard for Undersea Feature Naming;*
- 6. this flow chart; and*
- 7. Protocol for Māori Place Names.*

Notes:

1. Any persons making proposals are encouraged to undertake their own consultation (e.g. with the Royal New Zealand Navy, National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research, Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences, the Royal Society of New Zealand, Universities, Ministry of Fisheries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, fishers, scientists, marine community, iwi, etc).

Documentary evidence of any such consultation should accompany the proposal for the new/altered/recorded/discontinued undersea feature name.

By undertaking consultation, more weight is added to support the proposal and gives recognition to the appropriate science, administrative, cultural and heritage aspects, as well as any historical, geomorphological and/or scientific research undertaken.

Although consultation is not mandatory, it is considered by the Board to be a useful step towards determining a new, or altering an existing, or approving a recorded, or discontinuing an official, undersea feature name.

2. Undersea feature names that become official geographic names are published in the New Zealand Gazette, in newspapers, other official documents, and on the internet. This is considered to be sufficient for advising of an official undersea feature name (within New Zealand's continental shelf).

3. Note that the Board may review, and if appropriate, adopt as official geographic names, the names of undersea features published in the GEBCO Gazetteer of Undersea Feature Names, that are within the Board's jurisdiction.

4. The Secretary may obtain the recommendation of the NZ Committee on Undersea Feature Names by correspondence rather than calling a meeting, when only a small number of submission proposals are received.

5. IHO - International Hydrographic Organisation.

6. SCUFN - Sub-Committee on Undersea Feature Names. Meets annually.

7. GEBCO - General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans.

8. FRST - Foundation for Research Science & Technology.

9. Timely decisions are required by marine scientists with FRST contracts, therefore provisional approval status by the NZ Committee may be needed.