

HAWAI'I BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES (HBGN)

Monday, October 22, 2018 2:00 p.m. Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room 235 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

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1. Call to Order

- 2. Review of Meeting Minutes for September 24, 2018
- 3. Public Comments
- 4. Announcements
- 5. Review decision category "Alternate name"
- 6. Review draft of communication plan for reviewing new name proposals for features associated with the Kilauea
- 7. Review selected place names on the island of Hawai'i (Bobby Camara)
- 8. Adjourn

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FOR THE MEETING OF THE HAWAI'I BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

DATE:	September 24, 2018
TIME:	2:00 p.m.
PLACE:	Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building
	Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
	235 S. Beretania Street
	Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order

Mr. Marzan called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

The following were in attendance:

Members:	Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum) Meyer Cummins (Land Survey Division) Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources) Noenoe Silva (University of Hawai'i) Brad Ka'aleleo Wong (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)
ABSENT:	Kaleo Manuel (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands) Leo Asuncion (Office of Planning)
ADVISORS:	Renee Pualani Louis Arthur Buto (Office of Planning staff) Melia Lane-Kamahele (National Park Service) by phone
GUESTS:	Hawai'i County Councilmember Sue Lee Loy

AGENDA ITEM 2: Review of Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2018:

Ms. Silva noted that the date on the header is incorrect. Mr. Buto will revise the draft and correct the date.

MOTION: Mr. Wong moved to approve the minutes as revised; Ms. McEldowney seconded the motion.

The members present voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of August 8, 2018 with revisions.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments

Spellings of the names of the islands.

Mr. Buto presented emails from Jenny Runyon (USGS) responding to a query she received from High Point Global regarding the lack of diacriticals in the names of the islands. However, Ms. Runyon found that in the GNIS, all of the island names had the correct 'okina and kahakō. She noted that the primary name for Hawai'i Island in the GNIS is "Island of Hawai'i" whereas the other island names did not have the island descriptor as part of the primary name. She asked that the Board affirm that "Island of Hawai'i" should be the primary name; "Hawai'i Island" and "Hawai'i" are already variant names in the GNIS. Mr. Buto added it to the spreadsheet of place names for Hawai'i from Bobby Camara that is on the agenda.

Naming process for features in Papahānaumokuākea.

A second email thread from Ms. Runyon was relating correspondence initiated by Brad Wong asking about naming responsibility and process for Papahānaumokuākea. She stated that similar to place names being vetted by the National Park Service (NPS) for features within NPS boundaries before HBGN makes its decisions, names in Papahānaumokuākea should be reviewed by all of the co-management partners before HBGN makes its decisions.

Ms. Silva noted that there are several moʻolelo that mention people traveling to Kahiki in the west. She asked that some of those moʻolelo be researched before names are decided on.

Updating GNIS from HBGN decisions.

Ms. Runyon also noted that she has made significant progress updating the GNIS from lists of features that HBGN reviewed several years ago, but had been inadvertently missed in prior updates.

Fissure 8.

Mr. Buto noted that the Star-Advertiser ran an article that accurately described the role of HBGN and the naming process. Mr. Asuncion will appear on a local morning news show in early October. The Hawaii News Now website contains a short article describing the naming process. There is still only one official application that has been received, but there are at least two groups that are in discussion about feature names resulting from the eruption.

Ms. Louis stated that on Facebook last week there was a group from Puna that posted that came to the waiwai collective and did a presentation including naming of fissures. Ku'ulei Kanahele, Leialoha Kaleimamahu, and Ikaika Marzo. Discussion about naming the features is still very active on social media.

Councilmember Lee Loy stated that the resolution from the Hawai'i County Council was introduced as a way to channel the community's interest and energy to the process established by HBGN. Establishing a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) would be an ideal way to educate the larger public and to travel to the area to see what it's like down there. She also said that she was asked by HVCB to be included in the process; they want to understand the stories, etc. behind the name. Na Leo could provide a platform for a panel to share info about HBGN's role, what the Board is expecting, and how this process works.

Ms. Silva noted that it's unclear if naming existing features that have been changed or covered by the lava flow would consitute a new name request or a request to change a name.

Ms. Lee Loy stated that the council may be able to assist with some of the logistics of engaging with the community – meeting place, Na Leo, etc.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Announcements

No announcements.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Review draft of communication plan

One of the first steps for the Board is to flesh out the messages. What is HBGN? What is HBGN's process for naming new features? Clarify that a new name proposal should come from the community. The Board is ready and waiting to receive proposals to consider.

Related steps that will help lay the foundation for going out to the community: prepare a FAQ for the website; develop talking points to keep the message consistent and comprehensive – a one-page briefing paper that can be posted and made available; outline a script for videos; post videos on website – a video can include the backgrounds and roles of the member agencies. Councilmember Lee Loy said that the information in the briefing paper will be useful for park rangers to have, especially now that the park has reopened.

Board members should draft talking points (a couple of sentences for each) and send them to Mr. Buto before the next meeting.

Renee will write an article for *Ke Ola* magazine for their March/April issue. The Board could also periodically write updates for OHA's *Ka Wai Ola* monthly newspaper; the newspaper could be an input resource in the future for review of feature names. Hawaiian Airlines in-flight magazine, *Hana Hou!* is another possible outreach vehicle.

The Board may hold an information exchange meeting in Puna first, possibly with the PIG, to listen to the community's concerns and answer their questions, and to talk about the information that the Board thinks should accompany a name proposal. The meeting could also be used to accept/collect proposals to be considered.

After reviewing name applications, the Board may return to Puna to present initial findings to get feedback from the community; or the Board could make its decision, then return to Puna to report the decision; or the Board could return to Puna with a list of the names with the most compelling documentation/evidence and let the community choose.

The Wailuku River process was a little different, because the Hui o Na Wai Eha group that had originally asked for the name change, had done extensive research. The Board was able to make its decision at the community meeting on Maui.

The framework set up by Hui o Na Wai Eha could be used by the stakeholders in Puna, driven by the kupuna in the area. It may help to guide their energies – this is how Hui o Na Wai Eha was able to change the name, this is the due diligence they did, these are the stories around the name.

The fact sheet should break down the naming process: what should ideally be in a proposal; how do people go about submitting a proposal; what are the factors that HBGN will use in selecting a name – how will the proposals be evaluated? Is communicating that something that a PIG could be responsible for? Can the PIG do preliminary work with the community to get them set up, so the entire Board doesn't have to go over? A Na Leo site/video and/or radio spot could get replayed multiple times to reach a larger audience.

The County is not currently contemplating initiating a meeting; the purpose of the resolution was to start the process. That can be revisited; the council could create an ad hoc committee to talk specifically about naming; create the opportunity and the space. Pu'uhonua o Puna might have been an appropriate meeting space – Councilmember-elect Ashley Kierkiewicz was part of that effort. Some are listening to the wind, listening to kupuna, listening to dreams; how do you incorporate that in this western naming process?

Mr. Wong can try to nudge OHA to move in the direction of creating that space when the time is right.

The Board members will start with the talking points to get on same page. The most cost-effective outreach would be through Na Leo or O'iwi or on KHPR. Condense something down to about eight minutes for radio, ten minutes for tv; what we do, how do we do it; what the community can do to submit names and make comments. From there, start to get the message out to radio and tv. Later meet with the community, probably through the PIG in small groups.

Can a county member be on the PIG? There can only be a maximum of three Board members, but there's no restriction on outside members. In the radio outreach ask for volunteers. Ms. Lee Loy said that she is willing to serve on the PIG, but that Councilmember-elect Kierkiewicz might be a better representative. It should also be made clear that the place name decision is for government use, and for utilitarian purposes, e.g., providing emergency responders a standard official name. People are free to use whatever names are meaningful for them. In fact, if a name is in widespread use, it could be proposed as a Variant name, or if prevalent enough, as the Primary feature name. However, the US BGN only accepts one name initially for a new feature.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Discuss new decision category, "Alternate name"

Mr. Cummins introduced his suggestions for revisions to the submittal. A discussion followed.

[Ms. Lee Loy left the meeting at 3:20pm.]

[Ms. Lane-Kamahele left the meeting at 3:22pm.]

Mr. Wong noted that multiple Alternate names occur in Papahānaumokuākea – e.g., Kure Atoll, Mokupapapa (as named by King Kalākaua), Holaniku (Kukuewa has found in research). The Cultural Working Group doesn't want to express a preference and uses them interchangeably. They don't want to push aside the work of the Lexicon Committee, which explained some of the history of the place. Designating Alternate names allows having equally weighted multiple names for a single feature. It should be clear that the criteria for designating an Alternate name are as stringent as for a Primary name. Alternate names do not invalidate variant names.

MOTION: Mr. Cummins moved to adopt a new decision category, Alternate names as proposed in the submittal, with revised Use Guidelines as follows:

- 1. For state agencies, an Alternate Name may be used interchangeably with the Primary Name in all maps and documents.
- 2. After determining that a place or feature has a Primary name and an Alternate name, the Board may give preference to the Hawaiian name as the Primary name over the Non-Hawaiian name.
- 3. After determining that a place of feature has a Primary name and an Alternate name, the Board may determine that all other names be considered as Variant names.

Ms. McEldowney seconded the motion.

The members present voted unanimously to approve the motion to adopt the new decision category.

MOTION: Mr. Cummins moved to amend the HBGN Style Guide as follows:

If a place or feature shares a name of the same spelling with another place or feature, the Board may add a feature or place description to the shared name(s) for clarification purposes between said places or features.

Ms. Silva seconded the motion.

The members present voted unanimously to approve the motion to revise the *HBGN Style Guide*.

A new column will be added to the spreadsheet to accommodate Alternate names.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Review selected place names on the island of Hawai'i (Bobby Camara)

HBGN did not review these place names.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Adjourn

Mr. Marzan adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 22, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., at the Office of Planning Conference Room.

From:	Runyon, Jennifer
To:	<u>Buto, Arthur J</u>
Subject:	HBGN updates
Date:	Wednesday, September 26, 2018 4:40:34 AM
Attachments:	HBGN updates requiring BGN review.xlsx

Hi Arthur, and good morning.

I hope you had a good meeting on Monday. Looks like you had a lot to discuss, and thanks as always for sharing the packet with me. I found the "Alternate Name" topic very interesting. As the notes suggest, we would simply record those names as variants.

I apologize for not sending the attached list to you before the meeting, but these are the name changes that I intend to present to the U.S. BGN at an upcoming meeting, possibly as soon as Oct. 11th. These are the ones I've pulled from the various HBGN spreadsheets which require more than simply adding the diacritics or changing two words to one. Those have all (I think) been "staff processed" by now and GNIS should be up to date. The names on this list involve the addition or removal of a generic term (Island, Point, etc.) so they will require a more formal BGN review and approval. I don't foresee any issues, knowing that the HBGN has already researched and approved them, but the BGN only gave staff permission to add diacritics and change two words to one. I gave the BGN a heads up at our last meeting that this list would be coming and that I would share it with any federal agencies that might have an interest, i.e. the NPS for three of the names, and probably NOAA, since some of the features are coastal and they may chart them.

I'm assuming this doesn't require further HBGN discussion, so this is pretty much just a heads up for you. Do you see anything on the list that looks odd or that I might have missed? If not, and if you're happy to let us proceed, I'll let you know the outcome of the BGN's decisions.

Note: just curious why North Fork Kaukonahua Stream (FID 362701) is being changed to North Kaukonahua Stream, but unless I missed it, South Fork Kaukonahua Stream (FID 364270) wasn't included?

Also, there was some discussion back in April 2017 between me and Bobby Camara about Keaoi Island/Keaoi and Hi'iaka Crater/Hi'iaka. I believe he wanted to do more research, or perhaps he simply wanted to check whether Keaoi needed diacritics. He mentioned having a few other issues to discuss with HAVO staff.

Finally, just as another FYI, I sent a second list to the Census Bureau for all the "civil"/"census" updates. Those won't require a formal BGN vote but they can only be updated by Census (I'm not sure if they also oversee Homesteads and Hawaiian Home Lands, but I included them anyway).

Thanks! Jenny

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FID Current Name	BGN Decision	Proposed Name		County	Fed'l Agency		Map Name	HBGN Date
361008 Keaoi Island	1965	Keaoi	island	Hawaii	NPS	Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail	Kau Desert	
359142 Hiʻiaka Crater	1970	Hiʻiaka	crater	Hawaii	NPS	Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park	Makaopuhi Crater	
358716 Cape Kumukahi	1954	Kumukahi	cape	Hawaii			Kapoho OE N	
360314 Kamoi Point	1963	Kamoi	cape	Hawaii		State Dept Natural Resources	Manuka Bay	
359483 'Ihi'ihelauākea		'Ihi'ihilauākea	Crater	Honolulu			Koko Head	10/10/2012
359489 'Ili'ili'ula North Wailua Ditch		'Ili'ili'ula Stream	Canal	Kauai			Waialeale	8/22/2012
359490 'Ili'ili'ula Stream		'lli'ili'ula North Wailua Ditch	Stream	Kauai			Waialeale	8/22/2012
360057 Kalanai Point		Kalani Point	Cape	Honolulu		Malaekahana State Recreation Area	Kahuku	11/1/2012
361575 Kūlepiamoa Ridge		Kūlepeamoa Ridge	Ridge	Honolulu			Koko Head	11/6/2012
362223 Manuhonuhonu Reservoir		Manuhonohono Reservoir	Reservoir	Kauai			Koloa	8/23/2012
362260 Mauna'ōhi Ridge		Mauna'ōahi Ridge	Ridge	Honolulu			Koko Head	11/7/2012
362302 Maunawili Ditch		Maunawili Flume	Canal	Honolulu			Koko Head	8/22/2012
362537 Nahunakueu		Nahunakuea	Cape	Kauai			Koloa	6/26/2012
362690 Nōmilo Fishpond		Nōmilu Fishpond	Reservoir	Kauai			Koloa	8/20/2012
362701 North Fork Kaukonahua Stream		North Kaukonahua Stream	Stream	Honolulu			Schofield Barracks	8/12/2012
363345 Pōhakuloa		Pōhakuloa Point	Cape	Kauai			Anahola	8/20/2012
363446 Pua'ena		Pua'ena Point	Cape	Honolulu			Haleiwa	10/30/2012
363538 Pulemoku		Pulemoku Rock	Island	Honolulu			Kahuku	11/2/2012
363778 Puu Kaliu		Kaliʻu	Summit	Hawaii			Pahoa South	3/8/2013
363781 Puu Kamalii		Kamali'i	Summit	Hawaii			Kawaihae	3/8/2013
363866 Pu'ukae'o		Pu'ukoa'e	Summit	Maui			Ilio Point	8/22/2012
363892 Pu'ukulua		Kūlua	Summit	Hawaii	NPS	Hawaii Volcanoes National Park	Puuulaula	3/8/2013
364957 Wā'wā'ia		Wāwā'ia Gulch	Valley	Maui			Kamalo OE S	8/12/2012
365013 Mokuaia Island		Mokuʻauia	Island	Honolulu			Kahuku	11/2/2012

Oct. 1, 2018

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To whom it concerns,

Aloha e! I learned on the TV News today that your office was seeking suggestions as to the naming of the new volcanic cone created by Fissure 8. Although I was born on the island of Hawaii and witnessed first hand the major eruptions at Kilauea from the 1950's to the 1970's, I am not kama'aina to Puna. Ironically I am kama'aina to Kilauea...on Kaua'i!

So my input is just a humble suggestion to the many discussions that you will have. Ultimately, it is my hope that the kama'aina of Puna are comfortable and satisfied with it's new name.

With this in mind I offer up the name "Pu'u-o-'Ailā'au" (hill of 'Aila'au). I would not be surprised if others suggest similar names. It has been relayed to me that for some in Puna this extremely violent and unpredictable volcanic activity was historically highly unusual. It was totally different from what kama'aina there have ever witnessed. For many who still revere and respect Pele, they believe this is not of her doing. It is the work of her nemesis 'Ailā'au.

Although many may scoff at this thinking, it is not out of the ordinary, as today we still use western thought to conjure up urban legend. However beyond urban legend, this name has the ancient mo'olelo (although sparse) to back it up just as Papahanaumokuakea was so named.

The volcanic activity has subsided, the vog across the pae'aina has disappeared and Pele's home at Halema'uma'u as well as Pu'u'ou'ou have been silenced after decades of activity. Is it possible that 'Ailā'au has won this round? Probably not, but the one thing I do know, for Hawaiian language and culture to survive it must grow and so should the mo'olelo! Mahalo nui for considering my submittal.

Aloha me ka hahaha'a

AGENDA ITEM #5

HAWAI'I BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES Decision category: "Alternate Name"

DESCRIPTION: There are sometimes passionate disagreements among community or cultural groups with respect to the name of a place or geographic feature. The Board recognizes that a place or feature may have multiple names that have equal or near equal usage and importance.

Pursuant to Chapter 4E-3, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), one of the responsibilities of the Hawai'i Board on Geographic Names (Board) is to "designate the official names and spellings of geographic features in Hawai'i." The Board is instructed to publish "alternate names and spellings for the features named." Furthermore, state agencies are directed to "use or cause to be used on all maps and documents prepared by or for them the names and spellings approved by the board on geographic names."

The Board has added a decision category, "Alternate Name" to acknowledge and honor those names for a place or geographic feature that have equal or near equal usage and importance to the community.

For state agencies an Alternate Name is an official name and carries the same weight as and may be <u>used interchangeably with the Primary Name</u>. This designation has no impact on federal agencies, which are currently required to use the Primary Name listed in the GNIS.

The following are criteria and use guidelines for an Alternate Name:

<u>Criteria</u>

A name may be considered by the Board as an Alternate Name for a place or feature based on one or both of the following criteria:

- 1. The name's use and spelling are as widely or nearly as widely accepted by members of the community as the Primary Name, based on evidence submitted to and evaluated by the Board.
- 2. The name has reliable and verifiable supporting evidence of its use and spelling in an amount equal to or nearly equal to the Primary Name based on evidence submitted to and evaluated by the Board.

Use Guidelines

- 1. For state agencies, an Alternate Name is an official name and may be used interchangeably with the Primary Name in all maps and documents.
- 2. After determining that a place or feature has a Primary name and an Alternate name, the Board may give preference to the Hawaiian name as the Primary name over the Non-Hawaiian name.
- 3. After determining that a place or feature has a Primary name and an Alternate name, the Board may determine that all other names be considered as Variant names.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Hawai'i Board on Geographic Name at its meeting on September 24, 2018.

AGENDA ITEM #6

HBGN Talking Points

What is the HBGN?

HBGN stands for the Hawaii Board of Geographic Names. Created by Act 50 of the '74 Hawaii State Legislature "to assure uniformity in the use and spelling of the names of geographic features within the State." The Board falls under the Office of Planning.

Who is on the Board?

The chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural resources, the chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian affairs, the chairperson of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, the director of the Office of Planning, the president of the University of Hawaii, the State Land Surveyor, and the director of the Bernice P. Bishop Museum or their respective representatives.

The board is also supported by community members who volunteer their expertise in the Hawaiian language, culture and history.

What is HBGN's role in naming new features?

Passive. HBGN does not instigate the naming process. The Board waits for communities to choose a name and submit said name to the board.

What is the HBGN process for determining the name of a feature?

The Board evaluates the name based on who submitted the name and what the cultural, historical and personal rationale was for choosing said name. All reference publications are consulted for spelling and form. Whenever possible the board consults with knowledgeable community members when discussing and making naming decisions. The priority of authoritative importance is as follows: Native Hawaiian speaking members of the community in the area of the to-be-named feature, Members of said community whos command of the Hawaiian language is reliable, and Members of said community who were born and raised there. Naming Guidelines can be found <u>here</u>

Does the Hawaii Board on Geographic Names have a website?

Yes. http://planning.hawaii.gov/gis/hbgn/

What should be submitted to HBGN in order for the Board to consider a name?

Domestic Geographic Name Proposal Form (found <u>here</u>) filled out in its entirety. Questions regarding the form can be directed to the Office of Planning. *Suggestion* make the form available by itself or easier to find on page.

How will HBGN reach out to the affected communities?

In general, HBGN should contact the various county councils to inform them of the established methods to reach HBGN should their constituents have a question or comment regarding a new or existing named feature. County councils can be the bridge to connect communities with the HBGN.

In regard to the unique circumstance of newly created and unnamed features, HBGN can:

Contact media entities on how the community can communicate with the board.

Contact local governments to issue a PSA.

Attend local government and private conferences in order to grow the awareness of HBGN's existence.

(COGNA, HIGICC, Hawaii Land Surveyors Association, etc.)

Meet with the affected communities on the ground once communication has been established.

AGENDA ITEM #7

Spreadsheet – Plance Names on the Island of Hawai'i

Agenda Item 7 for the October 22, 2018 meeting is the same as Agenda Item 7 from the September 24, 2018 meeting packet.

To save space, the item is not being included in this packet. Please refer to the packet from the September meeting:

http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/gis/bgn/Binder-20180924.pdf

Hi Arthur,

RE the note in the minutes from Ms Runyon about the name of the Island of Hawai'i.

Of course something had to be done to distinguish Hawai'i the island from Hawai'i the State. Unfortunately, although the proper name is listed as "Island of Hawai'i", and none of the other islands have "Island" as part of their name, we're left with Island of Hawai'i. Hardly anyone in any media uses Island of Hawai'i. Instead they use "Hawai'i Island". No idea where that got started. Traditionally, Moku o Keawe (Island of Keawe), is a good pattern to follow = Island of Hawai'i.

I'm hoping that the Board would send out a press release to media informing them of the "correct" name.

Many thanks,

Bobby Camara Volcano 967-7787

On Sat, Oct 20, 2018 at 1:23 PM Buto, Arthur J arthur.j.buto@hawaii.gov> wrote:

Aloha all,

Attached are the agenda for the meeting on Monday and the draft minutes from the September 24th meeting. I will post the full meeting packet on the website, but probably not until Monday morning (sorry)...ab

As always, with aloha,

Bobby Camara (808) 967-7787

https://dispatchesfromvolcano.blogspot.com/

"noho i waho • a maliu" "be outside • pay attention"

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