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From: Runyon, Jennifer <jrunyon@usgs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2016 5:54 AM
To: Buto, Arthur J
Subject: Re: HBGN meeting Wednesday, September 14 at 10:00am, Office of Planning 6th flr Conference Rm

Hi again Arthur.

Thanks for the heads up on Pu'ukupanaha. I agree, I probably don't need to call in, although I'm available if necessary. I'll be at my desk until 5:30 ET (11:30 a.m. for you), and could stay later if needed.

We've taken a look at the Pu'ukupanaha issue and agree the name in GNIS is a typo. The 1981 BGN decision spelled it with the "u", but it seems that when the HBGN and BGN looked at the name ca.2000 to change it to the one-word form and add the writing mark, the "u" mistakenly became an "a". In fact, I came across an email from 2000 between our mapping center in Denver and Craig Tasaka, asking if the name should be Pu'ukupanaha. Craig agreed it should ("go with the 1981 decision"), so it's not clear to me why it wasn't just corrected then. All I can speculate is that there were a lot of folks involved in those 1999-2001 changes and perhaps everyone assumed someone else would take care of it. (I knew I kept those 1999-2001 files for a reason!)

I can fix GNIS today, or if you'd prefer to report all this to the HBGN tomorrow and confirm that they agree, I can hold off until Thursday. It's an easy database correction.

My only other comment is that we cannot delete the erroneous variant name. Variants, no matter how unsupported or inaccurate, are stored in GNIS so that a database user will be redirected to the one official name. Given that the wrong name's been recorded for 15+ years, we don't want to remove the reference to it.

Anyhow, please thank Mr. Camara for bringing the error to our (your) attention. I'll wait to hear from you as to when I should proceed. If I fix the entry today, it should be available at the GNIS public page before the HBGN meeting tomorrow.

Thanks,
Jenny

On Mon, Sep 12, 2016 at 6:21 PM, Buto, Arthur J <arthur.j.buto@hawaii.gov> wrote:

Aloha Jenny,

Just fyi, we are punting this issue to them, as it's not in our statutory authority. We are offering to approach community groups on their behalf, but beyond that don't see a role for HBGN in this process (some of our constituent agencies may want to weigh in though).