



HAWAI'I BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES (HBGN)

Notice of Meeting and Agenda
235 S. Beretania Street
6th Floor Conference Room
Honolulu, HI 96813

Wednesday, December 7, 2022
2:00 p.m.

As authorized under Act 220, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2021, this meeting will be held with Board Members, Staff, and Agencies participating in-person at the above location or via Zoom online meeting venue.

Zoom meeting information:

URL: <https://bit.ly/hbgn-20221207>
or dial: (669) 900-6833 [audio only]

Meeting ID: 814 5663 6982
Passcode: 581717

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Review and approval of meeting minutes for November 2, 2022
The Board will review/amend the minutes from the previous meeting and will vote on whether to approve them at this time. [Action item]
3. Public comments.
Participants may provide comments about issues not on the agenda for possible inclusion on a future agenda. [Not an action item]
4. Announcements.
Participants may share information not requiring Board discussion, action, or decision making. [Not an action item]
5. Discussion and decision on selected feature names on the Island of Hawai'i.
Board members are reviewing and researching feature names from its review list. Board members will discuss the results of their research and may make naming decisions. [Action item]
6. Adjourn

Meeting Materials:

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<https://planning.hawaii.gov/ghgstf/agendas-and-minutes>.

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Information about submitting and providing testimony:

Written testimony may be submitted on any agenda item:

by email: *arthur.j.buto@hawaii.gov* or

by postal mail: Office of Planning and Sustainable Development
ATTN: Hawai'i Board on Geographic Names
P.O. Box 2359
Honolulu, HI 96804-2359

Written testimony should include the word "testimony" with the agenda item number and description in the Subject line, and should be received no later than **Friday, December 2, 4:30 p.m.**, in order to be included in the meeting packet. Testimony received after that time will be distributed at the meeting and posted on the website but may not be included in the meeting packet.

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Information about attending the meeting in person:

Persons may attend the meeting in person at: Leiopapa A Kamehameha, 235 S. Beretania Street, 6th Floor Conference Room, Honolulu, HI 96813. Visitors will be asked to:

- Present a government issued picture ID at the security desk in the lobby;
- Wear a mask which covers both the nose and mouth;
- Maintain social distance of minimum 6 feet apart from others whenever possible.

Information about auxiliary aids:

If you need an auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to a disability, contact Arthur Buto at (808) 587-2894 or by email at arthur.j.buto@hawaii.gov as soon as possible. Requests made as early as possible will allow adequate time to fulfill your request.

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AGENDA ITEM 2

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

DATE: November 2, 2022
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building
Office of Planning and Sustainable Development
235 S. Beretania Street, 6th Floor Conference Room
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order

Mr. Marzan called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS: Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum) [remote]
Arthur Buto for Mary Alice Evans (Office of Planning and Sustainable
Development) [in-person]
Meyer Cummins (Land Survey Division) [remote]
Keith Gutierrez (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)

ABSENT: Kapā Oliveira (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)
Niniau Kawaihae (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources)

GUESTS: Jenny Runyon (USGS) [remote]
Mr. Bobby Camara [remote]
Dr. Jim Kauahikaua (USGS) [remote]

AGENDA ITEM 2: Review of Meeting Minutes for October 5, 2022

MOTION: Mr. Cummins moved to approve the minutes of October 5, 2022; Mr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

The members present voted unanimously to approve the revised meeting minutes of September 7, 2022.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments

None.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Announcements

None.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Discussion and decision on Lō‘ihi Seamount / Kama‘ehuakanaloa

Mr. Buto noted that this meeting is the third one at which this item has been on the agenda; decision making was deferred at previous meetings because there were only four members present, as there are again at this meeting. All members have had an opportunity to hear or read in the minutes the testimony of Dr. Smith and Mr. Camara’s responses to ACUF’s concerns.

Mr. Cummins acknowledged the question of HBGN’s authority to designate a name because this feature is beyond the 12-mile territorial limit. He supports the name change but is unsure about the extent to which the Board can influence ACUF’s decision to designate “Kama‘ehuakanaloa” as the primary name. Alternatively, Mr. Cummins would support suggesting it to ACUF as a variant name.

Mr. Camara reiterated some of the history of the naming of the feature. In 1955 at the request of Kenneth Emery the five seamounts were given Hawaiian names by Mrs. Pukui and Mrs. Hoku at Bishop Museum, and Dr. Gordon MacDonald at the Hawaiian volcano observatory. They provided Hawaiian descriptors based on Dr. Emery’s physical descriptions of the seamounts: “Lō‘ihi” for long; “‘Apu‘upu‘u” for bumpy; “Wini” for skinny, pointy; “Hohonu” for deep; and “Papa‘u” for shallow. There wasn’t any consideration given for a greater cultural meaning. Since that time appreciation for feature names in a cultural context has grown. The work involved in understanding the “Kama‘ehuakanaloa” name has taken more than 30 years.

There is cultural relevance to “Kama‘ehuakanaloa.” It means the “ruddy or red child of Kanaloa,” the elemental whose kuleana is the ocean. The redness referred to is the volcanism.

Citing the number of published works using “Lō‘ihi” is not a valid argument. Other longstanding feature names have been changed, Mt. McKinley, now “Denali,” and Ayers Rock in Australia, now “Uluru.” culture; doesn’t matter about the boundary. It is an active volcano; it belongs to the island of Hawai‘i. Mr. Camara feels strongly that ACUF should acknowledge the primacy of the Hawaiian culture regardless of the territorial boundary and accept the name as the primary feature name.

Mr. Marzan thanked Mr. Camara for his comments. He noted that animal and plant species are sometimes reclassified in order to get the correct associations and information across. The suggestion of naming this feature “Kama‘ehuakanaloa” is in alignment with Hawaiian cultural practice and understanding. Mr. Marzan would be supportive of that recommendation.

Mr. Cummins agrees with Mr. Camara and Mr. Marzan and supports the name. The Board as a State entity does not have any naming jurisdiction over this feature, but he feels that it’s important to make the arguments to support the name change to ACUF and SCUFN. The boundary lines are artificial, but they do matter with respect to the Board’s authority.

Mr. Marzan commented that if at a future meeting the Board chooses to make a decision and he and/or Mr. Cummins is not present, the members should have a sense of their positions. Mr. Cummins commented that the Board did make the decision last year to make the name change.

Mr. Marzan asked if there's something that the Board can do to make its desires known to ACUF and SCUFN given that a naming decision has already been made. Mr. Cummins suggested that we ask Dr. Smith about the next steps. Mr. Buto will reach out to Dr. Smith to get a sense of how the Board should proceed.

Mr. Cummins suggested putting together the material we have and tailor it to whatever form or process follows.

Mr. Gutierrez agrees with the approach of gathering more information about the process, the timeline, and the mechanism by which the Board can advocate for its position with ACUF.

Mr. Cummins noted that Dr. Jim Kauahikaua joined the meeting. Dr. Kauahikaua expressed his support for Mr. Camara's efforts to rename this feature. He acknowledged the significance of the 12-mile limit but thinks it's important for HBGN to strongly support the renaming. It's not in HBGN's purview, but its strong support may help to convince the international board to do what's right.

MOTION: Mr. Buto moved to defer decision making until more Board members are present. Mr. Cummins seconded the motion.

The members present voted unanimously to defer further discussion and decision making until more members are present.

[Mr. Camara and Dr. Kauahikaua left the meeting]

AGENDA ITEM 6: Discussion and decision on selected place names on the Island of Hawai'i

At last month's meeting Mr. Cummins said that he researched several maps in the Survey Office but didn't find out anything more about the features on the list. Other members present at that meeting had no additional information; Mr. Marzan and Mr. Gutierrez don't have any additional information either.

Mr. Buto noted that for the last several meetings the Board has been reviewing a list of several dozen names, eight names at a time. At previous meetings the Board has minimally concatenated "Kīpuka" with the name and added any unambiguous diacriticals, then marked the record with a "7" status code indicating that current references have been exhausted. The

names could come back for reconsideration at a future meeting if additional documentation or evidence surfaces.

Status Key 1 = Not Hawaiian; 2 = Not Reviewed; 3 = More Research Needed; 4 = HBGN Corrected; 5 = Already Correct in GNIS; 6 = Name Change; 7 = HBGN partial correction, exhausted available reference, and research resources

Status	Feat ID	Feature Name	Feature Class	Corrected Name	Source	Notes	USGS Quad Name
7	365130	Kipuka Nahuaopala (historical)	Populated Place	Kīpukanahuaopala (historical)	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: concatenated per Style Guide, but more research needed; exhausted available reference and research resources, 11-02-2022	Naalehu
7	361314	Kipuka Paluli	Area	Kīpukapaluli	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: concatenated per Style Guide, but more research needed; exhausted available reference and research resources, 11-02-2022	Puulehua
7	361316	Kipuka Pau	Lava	Kīpukapau	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: concatenated per Style Guide, but more research needed; exhausted available reference and research resources, 11-02-2022	Kahuku Ranch
7	361317	Kipuka Peehi	Lava	Kīpukape’ehi	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: concatenated per Style Guide, but more research needed; exhausted available reference and research resources, 11-02-2022	Puookeokeo
7	361318	Kipuka Pele o Iki	Lava	Kīpukapeleoiki	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: concatenated per Style Guide, but more research needed; exhausted available reference and research resources, 11-02-2022	Puookeokeo
7	361321	Kipuka Pueo	Lava	Kīpukapueo	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: concatenated per Style Guide, but more research needed; exhausted available reference and research resources, 11-02-2022	Pohue Bay
7	361322	Kipuka Puu Kou	Lava	Kīpukapu’ukou	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: concatenated per Style Guide, but more research needed; exhausted available reference and research resources, 11-02-2022	Kahuku Ranch
7	361323	Kipuka Waiahuli	Lava	Kīpukawaiahuli	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: concatenated per Style Guide, but more research needed; exhausted available reference and research resources, 11-02-2022	Pohue Bay

MOTION: Mr. Buto moved to accept the changes reflected on the spreadsheet with the Status Code “7.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Cummins.

The members present voted unanimously to accept the changes reflected on the spreadsheet with the Status Code “7.”

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjourn

MOTION: Mr. Cummins moved to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Mr. Buto.

Mr. Buto confirmed with members that they are available for the next scheduled meeting on December 7th.

The members present voted unanimously to adjourn.

Mr. Marzan adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 3

AGENDA ITEM #3

From: [Buto, Arthur J](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Inquiry on HBGN
Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:33:00 AM

Aloha Evan,

HBGN reviews and makes decisions on feature names in Hawai'i over which it has authority. Similarly, US BGN reviews names at its meetings, including those that are forwarded to it by local naming authorities, e.g., HBGN. If approved, the names are added to the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS). All federal agencies are required to use the primary names listed in the GNIS (including the USGS topo maps). Agencies may also include variant names in signage, maps, and other documents by enclosing them in parentheses. On occasion, if not approved, US BGN will send names back to the local naming authority with its questions or concerns.

Historically, one of the primary purposes of establishing naming authorities was to designate the official names of features used in maps and other documents to eliminate ambiguity.

I hope this helps...ab

From: Evan Miyaki, Jr [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 1:46 PM
To: Buto, Arthur J <arthur.j.buto@hawaii.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Inquiry on HBGN

Hi Arthur,

I don't think I will be able to attend the meeting tomorrow. I was wondering what the difference is between HBGN and the USBGN? Do the two authorities work together?

Mahalo,
Evan

On Fri, Nov 25, 2022 at 11:27 AM Evan Miyaki, Jr [REDACTED] wrote:

Thanks!

Are you aware of any other exceptions?

On Wed, Nov 23, 2022 at 11:36 AM Buto, Arthur J <arthur.j.buto@hawaii.gov> wrote:

Aloha Evan,

The HBGN's jurisdiction is over natural geographic features, but even then there may be exceptions. For example, beach names are under county naming jurisdiction. The purpose of

the Board is to establish the official names and spellings of these features, with the underlying goal of having unambiguous feature names in maps, signage, and documents. The Board's more recent efforts to re-establish traditional and/or historical names help to promote the culture and language of Hawai'i. These efforts echo those of the USGS in returning many feature names to traditional and indigenous names, e.g., from Mt. McKinley to Denali in 2016.

I've added you to our distribution list...ab

From: Evan Miyaki, Jr [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2022 11:13 AM
To: Buto, Arthur J <arthur.j.buto@hawaii.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Inquiry on HBGN

Aloha Arthur,

I understand. I think I was thinking about the term "geographic feature" in HRS § 4E-3. Is there a legislative definition of geographic feature? Technically, a geographic feature could include a town. Are there any other avenues for name changes besides the legislature?

Also, I am interested in attending the meeting.

Mahalo,
Evan

On Wed, Nov 23, 2022 at 9:31 AM Buto, Arthur J <arthur.j.buto@hawaii.gov> wrote:

Aloha Evan,

Deb forwarded your email inquiry to me. I am the OPSD staff assigned to the HBGN and can (hopefully) answer questions you may have about the Board and its authority ([\[CHAPTER 4E\]](#) hawaii.gov).

A short answer to your question is "no," the Board does not have jurisdiction over populated places. The Board can advise and inform the appropriate authorities about historical / traditional names or about placement of 'okina and kahakō in the name, but the Board can't change the name.

Fyi, the Board's next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 7th, 2pm-4pm. If you're interested in attending I can add you to the distribution list.

Mahalo...ab

Arthur Buto, Manager
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From: Evan Miyaki, Jr [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 8:17 PM
To: Mendes, Debra L <debra.l.mendes@hawaii.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Question for Law School Paper

Aloha Debra,

I was wondering if there was someone I could contact about the Hawai'i Board on Geographic Names. I am writing a paper about changing non-Hawaiian place names in Hawai'i. I am interested in the authority and scope of the Board and if it could change town names.

Mahalo,

Evan Miyaki, Jr.
J.D. Candidate, Class of 2023
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa | William S. Richardson School of Law

AGENDA ITEM #3

From: [Runyon, Jennifer E](#)
Cc: [Runyon, Jennifer E](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] U.S. BGN Quarterly Review List 449 available for review and comment
Date: Monday, November 21, 2022 3:22:58 AM

Good morning,

Quarterly Review List 449 has been posted online at <https://www.usgs.gov/us-board-on-geographic-names/dnc-review-lists>. The list provides a summary of each proposal (56 new names and name and location changes) submitted to the BGN's Domestic Names Committee (DNC) during the period August to October 2022.

At the same website, the Action List provides a list of all pending (“review listed”) proposals, as well as decisions made by the DNC during the preceding 12 months.

In some cases, the pending proposals are essentially complete and ready for a DNC vote (*see note below); for others, the staff research has just begun and further outreach is underway.

State Names Authorities and Federal partners: you will have already received a copy of some of these new proposals when they were acknowledged. The remainder will be forwarded shortly, with a request for your input and to share any other details pertinent to the case.

Please review the proposals in your State and/or area of interest and let us know if you have any questions. The introduction to the Review List includes a map showing the location of the geographic features on the list.

* In accordance with BGN Policy X: Tribal Geographic Names, we have forwarded a link to the Review List to the 574 federally recognized Tribes and approximately 200 Tribal Historic Preservation Offices. Tribal Governments have been given 60 days to comment on any proposal in which they have an interest; no response is assumed to indicate no opinion. As such, no names on this Review List can be presented to the DNC for a decision until the January 12, 2023 meeting at the soonest.

The BGN's *Principles, Policies, and Procedures: Domestic Geographic Names* are available at: [DNC_PPP_DEC_2016_V.2.2.pdf \(usgs.gov\)](#).

The next list, Review List 450, will be released in early January 2023.

If you wish to be removed from this distribution list, please let us know.

Thanks,
Jenny

Jennifer Runyon, research staff
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<https://usgs.gov/geonames/domestic-names>

AGENDA ITEM #3

New/Proposed Name	Current or Former Name	Reason for Proposal	GNIS Feature ID	Feature Class	State	County	Fed Land Mgmt Agency	Decision Date	Status	Review List /				USGS Primary Topo Map
										Staff Processed Name	Primary DD [Mouth] Lat	Primary DD [Mouth] Long	Secondary DD [Source] Lat	
Akanikōlea		make official name in local use	2830227	bench	HI	Hawaii	NPS	09-Dec-21	approved	445	19.399925	-155.269783		Kilauea Crater
Ha'akulamanu	Sulphur Banks	name change to recognize historical and local use	1847309	bench	HI	Hawaii	NPS	09-Dec-21	approved	445	19.4334908	-155.261364		Kilauea Crater
Kaluapele	Kīlauea Crater	name change to recognize historical use	361216	crater	HI	Hawaii	NPS	09-Dec-21	approved	445	19.4120607	-155.2758697		Kilauea Crater
Kūkamāhuākea		make official name in local use	2830226	flat	HI	Hawaii	NPS	09-Dec-21	approved	445	19.432222	-155.266825		Kilauea Crater
Kūpina'i Pali	Waldron Ledge	name change to recognize local use	364943	bench	HI	Hawaii	NPS	09-Dec-21	approved	445	19.4193661	-155.2539611		Kilauea Crater
Moku'āweoweo	Moku'āweoweo Caldera	name change to recognize local use	365204	crater	HI	Hawaii	NPS	09-Dec-21	approved	445	19.4701933	-155.5922259		Mauna Loa
Nāulu	Naulu Forest	name change to recognize local use	362614	woods	HI	Hawaii	NPS	09-Dec-21	approved	445	19.310205	-155.148813		Makaopuhi Crater
Uēaloha	Byron Ledge	name change to recognize historical and local use	358689	bench	HI	Hawaii	NPS	09-Dec-21	approved	445	19.4125461	-155.258038		Kilauea Crater
Uēkahuna	Uēkahuna Bluff	name change to recognize local use	364390	cliff	HI	Hawaii	NPS	09-Dec-21	approved	445	19.4257608	-155.2809334		Kilauea Crater
Wahinekapu	Steaming Bluff	name change to recognize local use	364293	cliff	HI	Hawaii	NPS	09-Dec-21	approved	445	19.4298485	-155.2695608		Kilauea Crater

AGENDA ITEM 5

Hawai'i Board on Geographic Names

Island of Hawai'i

Selected Feature Names

12/07/2022

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Status	Feat ID	Feature Name	Feature Class	Corrected Name	Source	Notes	USGS Quad Name
3	361665	Lae Mamo	Cape			PNH: not listed	Honaunau
3	361646	Lae o Ahole	Cape			PNH: not listed	Milolii
3	361666	Lae o Hiiaka	Cape			PNH: not listed	Anaehoomalu
						Bobby Camara: should be Lae o Hi'iaka; no promontory there; HBGN: more research needed, 1-11-17	
3	361647	Lae o Humuhumu	Cape			PNH: not listed	Milolii
3	361669	Lae o Ili	Cape			PNH: not listed	Puu Hinai
3	361652	Lae o Kamimi	Cape			PNH: not listed	Milolii
3	361670	Lae o Panipou	Cape			PNH: not listed; UHP: Laeopanipou, uncertain p & m	Puu Hinai
3	361671	Lae o Puili	Cape	Kīpukapuili		PNH: not listed	Anaehoomalu