

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

DATE: August 3, 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 2:02 p.m.

The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS: Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum) [in-person]
Arthur Buto for Mary Alice Evans (Office of Planning and Sustainable
Development) [in-person]
Niniau Kawaihae (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands) [remote]
Keith Gutierrez (Office of Hawaiian Affairs) [remote]
Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources) [remote]
Kapā Oliveira (University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa) [remote]
Meyer Cummins (Land Survey Division) [remote] (joined at 2:30pm]

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Jenny Runyon (USGS) [remote]
David Corrigan (Big Island Video) [remote]

AGENDA ITEM 2: Review of Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2022

Ms. Runyon asked that in Dr. Smith’s introduction, the references to ACUF’s advisory role be change from “USGS” to “US BGN.”

MOTION: Ms. Kawaihae moved to approve the minutes of July 6, 2022, as amended; Ms. McEldowney seconded the motion.

The members present voted unanimously to approve the revised meeting minutes of July 6, 2022.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments

Mr. David Corrigan from Big Island Video introduced himself. He is observing today’s meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Announcements

None.

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

Dr. Smith was unable to join today’s meeting and will be on a ship and unable to join the September meeting as well. The first meeting he’ll be able to attend is the October meeting. In an email he sent that is included in the meeting packet, he said that at the ACUF meeting that was held the day after last month’s HBGN meeting, they discussed the topic at length and deferred decision making until after the HBGN has made its decision. Dr. Smith also invited someone from HBGN to attend their next meeting in September or October to provide testimony in-person. Ms. Kawaihae suggested that Mr. Marzan, the HBGN Chair and/or Mr. Camara attend the ACUF meeting. Mr. Marzan stated that depending on the date of the meeting he is willing to attend.

MOTION: Mr. Buto moved to defer HBGN’s discussion and decision related to Dr. Smith’s briefing on Lō‘ihi Seamount until Dr. Smith is able to attend. Ms. Kawaihae seconded the motion.

The members present voted unanimously to defer the discussion and decision related to Dr. Smith’s briefing on Lō‘ihi Seamount until Dr. Smith is able to attend.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Discussion and decision on selected place names on the Island of Hawai‘i

The Board had decided at its meeting a couple of months ago that each member will research this list of eight feature names using their respective resources, then return to discuss the results at the next meeting, rather than reviewing and researching names at the meeting.

Ms. McEldowney asked if the Sanctuary is an administrative name and not a feature name.

Ms. Kawaihae thought it might be a simple fix to add ‘okina to “Keli” and “Waa.”

Mr. Gutierrez recalled that one aspect of the review was to remove English descriptors like “Overlook” and “Sanctuary.”

Mr. Marzan asked if other “Kīpuka” names have been concatenated in the past. Mr. Buto confirmed that other Kīpuka names have been concatenated. These remaining names are names that are not concatenated, including the “Lae” and “Puu” names. The placement of the ‘okina and kahakō in the other parts of the name have not been determined yet. The Board has discussed establishing a new code number that would identify names that have been concatenated, but for which all available reference and research resources have been exhausted.

Mr. Buto noted that the discussion by the HAVO group was to remove English descriptors from Hawaiian feature names, like removing “Overlook” from “Kīpuka Kahāli‘i Overlook.” It had been previously decided that removing Hawaiian descriptors like “Kīpuka” would be on a case-by-case basis. Concatenation without addressing diacritical marks in other parts of the feature name, i.e., without determining the origin or meaning of the name, could be done, but would be marked with a new Status code number.

MOTION: Ms. Kawaihae moved that a new Status code category be created to identify names that have been reviewed, but no additional information found in current research references; seconded by Mr. Buto. Mr. Marzan further clarified that the new code would indicate that research has been done on the feature name and decisions made by Board to the extent of the information known at that time.

The members present voted unanimously to create a new Status code to identify names that have been reviewed and researched to the extent of the information available at the time, but for which the origin or meaning of the name was not found.

MOTION: Ms. Kawaihae moved that the names on the current list under consideration be concatenated and include the ‘okina for “Kēlii” and “Waa” and add the kahakō to “Kipuka” where it is missing. Mr. Buto seconded to motion.

Mr. Marzan would like to exclude the “Kīpuka ‘Āinahou Nēnē Sanctuary” on the list since it’s not under HBGN’s jurisdiction.

The members present voted unanimously to concatenate the feature names on the list, except for “Kīpuka ‘Āinahou Nēnē Sanctuary,” which is not under HBGN’s jurisdiction. ‘Okina will be inserted for “Kēlii” and “Waa” for Feature ID 361285, and kahakō will be included in “Kipuka” where it is missing.

[Mr. Cummins joined the meeting at 2:30pm.]

Mr. Marzan asked if the Board wanted to address the Overlook. Ms. McEldowney expressed a concern about removing the descriptor if that feature represents the area more generally. From the previous HBGN notes in the spreadsheet, the reference from the UH Press map book does not include the English descriptor “Overlook.” Mr. Marzan would also like to also exclude the Overlook from consideration at this time. Ms. Runyon noted that neither the Sanctuary nor the Overlook are in the GNIS anymore.

Ms. Runyon asked if there is more to be done for the naming decisions that were made at today’s meeting before they are forwarded on to the US BGN. Mr. Buto clarified that nothing further that will happen with these names at the HBGN level unless additional information comes to light.

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 references and research resources

Stat	Feat ID	Feature Name	Feature Class	Corrected Name	Source	Notes	USGS Quad Name
7	359522	Ka Lae o Hoaiuku	Cape	Kalaeohoaiuku	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: concatenated per Style Guide, but more research needed, 08-03-2022	Kalae
2	1930522	Kīpuka ‘Āinahou Nēnē Sanctuary	Park			PNH: not listed; not HBGN jurisdiction, 08-03-2022	Unknown
2	1847301	Kīpuka Kahāli‘i Overlook	Locale		HBGN	PNH: not listed; UHP: Kīpuka Kahali‘i; HBGN: not in GNIS; no further action on this feature name, 08-03-2022	Makaopuhi Crater
7	361283	Kipuka Kahuihonu	Area	Kīpukakahuihonu	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: concatenated per Style Guide, but more research needed, 08-03-2022	Kahuku Ranch
7	361285	Kipuka Kalua o Kelii Waa	Lava	Kīpukakaluaokeli‘iwa‘a	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: concatenated per Style Guide, but more research needed, 08-03-2022	Kahuku Ranch
7	361287	Kipuka Kamiloaina	Lava	Kīpukakamiloaina	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: concatenated per Style Guide, but more research needed, 08-03-2022	Pohue Bay
7	361288	Kipuka Kanohina	Lava	Kīpukakanohina	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: concatenated per Style Guide, but more research needed, 08-03-2022	Pohue Bay
7	361289	Kipuka Kapulehu	Lava	Kīpukakapulehu	HBGN	PNH: not listed; Keola Awong related story she remembers from nupepa about a Hawaiian woman who told her son that when she died, she needed to return to Pele; he was to take her remains to the volcano; but there was an eruption while he was on his way and he couldn't get past the lava flow to get to the crater; he left her at Kapulehu; Noenoe Silva noted that the name 'Kapulehu' comes up a lot in Papakilo online database, most in this area, but no 'Kipuka Kapulehu;' need to find out when/how Kipuka came into use; Bobby Camara had suggested at one time concatenating the "Kipuka" names; Keola Awong (NPS) will talk to Bobby; Marques Marzan came across Kāpulehu as a star name; Keola Awong: will bring it to attention of Kupuna group, 2-14-18; HBGN: concatenated, more research needed, 08-03-2022	Kahuku Ranch

AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjourn

MOTION: Ms. Kawaihae moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Gutierrez and Mr. Cummins seconded the motion.

The members present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Marzan adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.