
Minutes

Washington State Committee on Geographic Names

October 25, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Sara Palmer – Chair
Mike Iyall – Tribal Representative
Putnam Barber – Public Member
Dean Foster - Public Member
Dr. Grant Smith – Public Member
Mary Schaff – WA State Library Representative

STAFF PRESENT

Caleb Maki

AUDIENCE PRESENT

Allie Taylor
Janet Welch
Lia Frenchman
Jason Griffith
Alicia Charles
Akueya Karen Vargas

**Washington State Committee on Geographic Names
October 25, 2022 - 10:00am - Online Meeting**

Agenda

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

COGNA Report – Mary Schaff
Update from Chair – Sara Palmer

D. NAMES FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION

San Juan County

Reeds Bay – Proponent: Kendra Lamb - Spelling Clarification - APPROVED

E. SQ--- REPLACEMENT NAMES FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION

Columbia County

Wenaha Peak – Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation- APPROVED

Jefferson County

Noskeliikuu – Quinault Indian Nation- APPROVED

Klickitat County

Sq'wanana – Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation- APPROVED

Okanogan County

Condon Mountain – Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation- APPROVED

Skamania County

Aalvic Wahtum – Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation- APPROVED
Pataniks Pushtye – Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation- APPROVED
Timla Wapykt – Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation- APPROVED
Shluxiksikswana – Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation- APPROVED

Stevens County

Snqilt Creek – Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation- APPROVED

F. SQ--- REPLACEMENT NAMES DEFERRED FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

Chelan County

Masawii Lake – Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation – DEFERRED
Wowpu-tushwa – Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation - DEFERRED

Kittitas County

Cle Elum Tarn – Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation - DEFERRED
Nosh Nosh Wahtum – Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation - DEFERRED

Okanogan County

Black Canyon Ridge – Austin Smith - DEFERRED

Swaram Creek Ridge – Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation - DEFERRED
Mokeihl – Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation - DEFERRED

G. NAMES FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION

Garfield County

South Tucannon Spring – Proponent: Secretarial Order 3404- APPROVED

Jefferson County

Kilisut Passage – Proponent: Janet Welch – New Name - DEFERRED

scłəq^w - Proponent: Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe – New Name - DEFERRED

Mason County

Nathaniel Sargent Lake – Proponent: Alicia Charles – Name Change- APPROVED

Rodney White Slough - Proponent: Alicia Charles – New Name- APPROVED

Okanogan County

Gooseberry Creek – Proponent: Secretarial Order 3404- APPROVED

H. ADJOURNMENT

1 **CALL TO ORDER**

2 The Chair of the Committee Sara Palmer called the meeting to order at 10:00am. All of the
3 Committee members introduced themselves.

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5 **COGNA REPORT**

6 Mary Schaff gave an update to the Committee members concerning the Council of Geographic
7 Names Authorities. Mary attended the COGNA conference in Maryland remotely, and said that
8 the meeting went well. Mary said that everyone in attendance was glad to be back following
9 COVID. Mary informed the Committee members that the next COGNA conference will be held
10 in Portland, Oregon and invited the Committee members to attend.

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12 Mary said that the Federal/State round table session was spent on breaking down how the Sq____
13 Names Committee was separate from the US BGN and the process used to make the decisions on
14 name replacements. Mary said that the COGNA attendees agreed that while the process may be
15 frustrating, they understood the urgency to replace the sq____ names.

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17 Mary said that the Oregon Board is a very active state geographic naming board, and meet across
18 Oregon in various locations to encourage public comment. Mary encouraged all the Committee
19 members to attend the COGNA meeting next September in Oregon.

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21 Mary also gave an update on the Idaho Board on Geographic Names by saying that the Idaho
22 Board has not been very active lately, but that they did get a new Chairperson.

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24 Mary said that COGNA members did ask questions about the makeup of the Committee to be
25 formed by the U.S. Dept. of the Interior to identify and remove offensive names. Mary said that
26 the states wanted to be involved with the renaming process, suggesting that the DOI could send
27 the state lists of suggestions names and get feedback from the state boards.

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29 **UPDATE FROM CHAIR**

30 Chair Sara Palmer thanked Mary for the COGNA update, and said that what Mary reported was in
31 line with what Sara had been hearing. Sara said that the U.S. Dept. of the Interior received one
32 proposal that was not sent to the WA BGN, and she was going to look into it more.

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34 Sara informed the Committee that recent work with offensive names, and some of the names on
35 the agenda today, has led to interest from the Governor's Office for additional resources for this
36 program. Sara said that a funding request for staffing and resources to work with organizations on
37 naming issues has been submitted, and hopefully Sara will know more in January of 2023.

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39 Sara said that if the request does make it into the Governor's budget proposal, a discussion should
40 be had about what the Committee members can do to support the request as it moves through the
41 legislative process. Sara said that even if the request does not make it into the budget proposal this
42 year, it is still a testament to the work that the Committee has been doing to even be having these
43 kinds of conversations.

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45 Dean Foster asked Sara if the interest was centered around the sq____ renaming issue, or naming
46 issues in general. Sara said that it was for naming issues in general, and said that it was in response

1 to the Committee not having enough resources to do more outreach. Dean said that it was great to
2 see interest from the Governor’s Office and hoped to see interest and support from the Legislature.

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4 Putnam Barber said that he was disappointed that a request for additional resources to hold the
5 Committee meeting in different geographic locations was not included. Putnam said that the
6 Committee had been slighting their constituents that are far outside of Olympia who cannot travel,
7 and would like to see funding for different meeting locations included in any request. Sara did say
8 that funding for people to attend the meeting had been discussed, but not for holding the Committee
9 meetings around the state.

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11 Sara said that this will be the last fully online meeting, but that future meetings will be held in a
12 hybrid format to allow people who cannot travel to attend. Sara said it would be great to have
13 meeting locations throughout the state, but that the Committee does not have the resources right
14 now.

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16 Dr. Grant Smith asked if the work and time staff puts into the Committee has been itemized. Dr.
17 Smith said that it sounds like staff time is charged to other programs in the Dept. of Natural
18 Resources, and would like to see funding included in any request and recognized. Sara said that
19 this issue was raised by staff during the discussions, as staff has a full time job in addition to
20 Committee on Geographic Names work. Sara did say that a bill went through last legislative
21 session that covers Committees, and she would see if there was any way to apply for travel funding
22 through the new bill. Dr. Smith said that the preference should be to staff funding before travel
23 funding. Dr. Smith said that it is a priority that the business of the naming process should be
24 recognized as valuable and funded accordingly.

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26 Mary Schaff said that this a great development, because not long ago the Committee was slated
27 for elimination. Mary said that the Dept. of Interior should be thanked to bringing geographic
28 names to everyone’s attention and the work the Committee does.

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30 **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR REEDS BAY**
31 None

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33 **REEDS BAY FINAL CONSIDERATION (Action Item)**
34 Chair Sara Palmer gave an overview of the proposal for the Committee members. Sara said that
35 this proposal was submitted in response to the recent Cayou Channel proposal, as the proponent is
36 a descendent of Henry Cayou.

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38 MOTION: Mike Iyall moved to approve the name Reeds Bay.

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40 SECOND: Dr. Grant Smith seconded the motion.

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42 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously to send Reeds Bay to the Board on Geographic
43 Names with the Committee’s recommendation to approve.

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1 **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION FOR SQ___ REPLACEMENT NAMES FOR FINAL**
2 **CONSIDERATION**

3 Chair Sara Palmer gave an overview of the progress of the sq___ replacement names in
4 Washington. Sara said that the following names for Final Consideration are names that have
5 approved at the Federal level to replace sq___ names, with the exception of one, Noskeliikuu.

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7 Sara said that the US Dept. of Interior has chosen the name Gathering Creek for a creek in Jefferson
8 County. Sara said that the Quinault Indian Nation has submitted the name of Noskeliikuu for the
9 feature instead.

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11 **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR WENAHA PEAK**

12 None

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14 **WENAHA PEAK FINAL CONSIDERATION (Action Item)**

15 MOTION: Mike Iyall moved to approve the name Wenaha Peak.

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17 SECOND: Dean Foster seconded the motion.

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19 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously to send Wenaha Peak to the Board on
20 Geographic Names with the Committee's recommendation to approve.

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23 **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR NOSKELIIKUU**

24 None

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26 **NOSKELIIKUU FINAL CONSIDERATION (Action Item)**

27 Mary Schaff thanked Sara for clarifying that Noskeliikuu was not one of the names entered into
28 the GNIS names database as a sq___ replacement name. Mary said she was glad the Quinault
29 Indian Nation has chosen to continue to propose the name Noskeliikuu. Mary said that if the
30 Quinault Indian Nation had been fine with the name Gathering Creek the Committee would have
31 agreed, but if the Quinault Indian Nation wants the name Noskeliikuu the Committee supports the
32 proposal.

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34 MOTION: Putnam Barber moved to approve the name Noskeliikuu.

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36 SECOND: Dr. Grant Smith seconded the motion.

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38 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously to send Noskeliikuu to the Board on Geographic
39 Names with the Committee's recommendation to approve.

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41 **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR SQ'WANANA**

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44 **SQ'WANANA FINAL CONSIDERATION (Action Item)**

45 Dean Foster stated his concerns with navigation and emergency response if this feature name is
46 changed on maps and charts. Dean said he is concerned how this feature is portrayed on charts

1 and maps in the future.
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3 Sara Palmer thanked Dean and said that his comments speak to the public education piece of
4 naming that the Committee has been talking about recently.
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6 Mike Iyall said that as we have terra-formed the river with the addition of dams, this feature may
7 not have always been an island. Mike said that names shift, and the Committee's job is to choose
8 names so that first responders have accurate information of the current name.
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10 MOTION: Mike Iyall moved to approve the name Sq'wanana.
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12 SECOND: Mary Schaff seconded the motion.
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14 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously to send Sq'wanana to the Board on Geographic
15 Names with the Committee's recommendation to approve.
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17 **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CONDON MOUNTAIN**
18 None
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20 **CONDON MOUNTAIN FINAL CONSIDERATION (Action Item)**
21 Mary Schaff clarified with Chair Sara Palmer that this name had been selected by the U.S. Dept.
22 of the Interior as a replacement sq___ name and entered into the GNIS names database, and Sara
23 confirmed it had.
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25 MOTION: Putnam Barber moved to approve the name Condon Mountain.
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27 SECOND: Mary Schaff seconded the motion.
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29 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously to send Condon Mountain to the Board on
30 Geographic Names with the Committee's recommendation to approve.
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32 **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AALVIC WAHTUM**
33 None
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35 **AALVIC WAHTUM FINAL CONSIDERATION (Action Item)**
36 Dr. Grant Smith asked if the individual being commemorated has been deceased for five years, as
37 is the Committee's commemorative name policy. Mary Schaff searched the WA death index and
38 found an entry for a Lucille M. Aalvic died in August of 1989 in Skamania County.
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40 MOTION: Dr. Grant Smith moved to approve the name Aalvic Wahtum.
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42 SECOND: Dean Foster seconded the motion.
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44 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously to send Aalvic Wahtum to the Board on
45 Geographic Names with the Committee's recommendation to approve.
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1 **BUNDLE REMAINING SQ___ REPLACEMENT NAMES FOR FINAL**
2 **CONSIDERATION (Action Item)**

3 Putnam Barber asked Chair Sara Palmer if the Committee could decide on the remaining sq___
4 replacements name for Final Consideration as a block. Sara agreed that would be a good idea.

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6 MOTION: Putnam Barber moved to hear the remaining sq___ replacement names for Final
7 Consideration as a block.

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9 SECOND: Mary Schaff seconded the motion.

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11 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously to hear the remaining sq___ replacement names
12 for Final Consideration as a block.

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14 **REMAINING SQ___ REPLACEMENT NAMES FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION (Action**
15 **Item)**

16 Dr. Grant Smith that while he supports the proposals he was a little confused on the Pataniks
17 Pushtye and Timla Wapykt and the use of “pushtye” in both. Dr. Smith said that he is okay with
18 the proposals, and Chair Sara Palmer agreed that it was a little hard to follow in the original
19 proposal.

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21 MOTION: Putnam Barber moved to approve the remaining sq___ replacement names for Final
22 Consideration as a block.

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24 SECOND: Mike Iyall seconded the motion.

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26 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously to approve Pataniks Pushtye, Timla Wapykt,
27 Shluxiksikswana, and Snaqilt Creek.

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29 **COMPETING PROPOSALS FOR SQ___ REPLACEMENT NAMES (Action Item)**

30 Chair Sara Palmer said that the following names had been tabled at last meeting as they are
31 competing names for sq___ features. Sara said that the U.S. Dept. of Interior has chosen names
32 for the three features (Wowpu-tushwa, Nosh Nosh Wahtum, and Swaram Creek Ridge) but the
33 Committee has competing proposals before them today.

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35 Putnam Barber asked Sara to clarify which names were chosen by the US DOI. Dean Foster said
36 the Committee postponed these proposals to allow the Tribes to come to an agreement, and if that
37 has not taken place the Committee should continue to table these proposals. Mike Iyall agreed
38 saying that the Committee should hold off until the issue is resolved.

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40 Dr. Grant Smith said he agrees with Dean and Mike about waiting for the Tribes to work through
41 the process. Mike said that the Committee is in a unique position with the amount of name changes
42 coming all at once, and should allow the people time for the process to work itself out.

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44 MOTION: Mike Iyall moved to defer the following names:

- Masawii Lake – Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
- Wowpu-tushwa – Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

- Cle Elum Tarn – Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
- Nosh Nosh Wahtum – Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
- Black Canyon Ridge – Austin Smith
- Swaram Creek Ridge – Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
- Mokeihl – Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

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SECOND: Dean Foster seconded the motion.

During discussion of the motion Mary Schaff said that she agrees with letting the Tribes work this out, but maybe the Committee should come at this from the position that if a group wants the current name in GNIS names database changed, they can approach the Committee. Mary said she did not want to pressure the proponents, but wanted to make sure the names move along in the process.

Mike Iyall said that the Committee should be careful in this situation, as notification is not consultation. Chair Sara Palmer said that she believed the U.S. Dept. of Interior has been in contact with the Tribal governments. Sara did say that the Tribes have just gotten the notifications recently, and it would be reasonable for the Committee to table these proposals for several meetings.

Dr. Grant Smith asked what if the Committee does not take any action, as the features are named currently in the GNIS names database. Dr. Smith said the Committee could then wait for the Tribes to submit a name if they want to change the name in GNIS names databse.

Sara Palmer agreed, but said that the action taken today by the Committee reflects the short time frame the Tribes have had since being notified. Mike Iyall agreed, saying that the Tribes would need a great deal of time to research the history of these names.

ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously to defer:

- Masawii Lake – Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
- Wowpu-tushwa – Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
- Cle Elum Tarn – Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
- Nosh Nosh Wahtum – Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
- Black Canyon Ridge – Austin Smith
- Swaram Creek Ridge – Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
- Mokeihl – Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR SOUTH TUCANNON SPRING

None

SOUTH TUCANNON SPRING: INITIAL CONSIDERATION (Action Item)

Chair Sara Palmer explained to the Committee that the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation had submitted Tucannon Spring in response to Secretarial Order 3404. The U.S. Dept. of the Interior added “South” to the feature to distinguish it from another Tucannon Spring. Sara said the Committee is treating this proposal like it was submitted by the U.S. Dept. of Interior.

1 MOTION: Putnam Barber moved to approve the name South Tucannon Spring for Final
2 Consideration.

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4 SECOND: Dean Foster seconded the motion.

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6 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously to approve South Tucannon Spring for Final
7 Consideration.

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9 **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR KILISUT PASSAGE AND scləqʷ**

10 Janet Welch, the proponent for Kilisut Passage, addressed the Committee. Janet said that she is
11 not terribly invested in what name is chosen for the feature, but wants to see the feature named.
12 Janet said her concern was that she had waited to make her application to allow the Tribe time to
13 submit a proposal, and now the proposal submitted does not comply with using the Roman
14 alphabet and is unpronounceable. Janet said she is concerned that after sixteen months the other
15 proposal is not in compliance with spelling and pronounceability, and how much longer the process
16 will go on. Janet said that she agrees with Dean Foster's earlier comments about usability of a
17 name, and that she actually proposed renaming all three features are once, but feels that the current
18 proposal submitted is unpronounceable.

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20 Allie Taylor, representing the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, addressed the Committee. Allie said
21 that the term scləqʷ has three different meanings; a hole or tunnel that something can pass through,
22 a portage at low tide and a passage at high tide, and the S'Klallam place name for the area that
23 separates Indian Island at high tide. Allie said there are two ethnographic accounts of this place
24 name being used, a quote from one of the papers said that the people called this area by scləqʷ
25 because it is where the canoes would be shoved or pushed through. Allie said that this shows the
26 S'Klallam people used this area in the 18th and 19th centuries, and presumably earlier.

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28 Allie said that to the S'Klallam people places and landscapes are central to traditional knowledge,
29 and just this year the three sister tribes visited this location showing the continued use to this day.

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31 Allie said that the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe was told that to name this feature they would have
32 to use an approved character set. Allie said that the Tribe kindly asks that if their partnering
33 governments truly want to be inclusive of the indigenous people, using their language and all
34 special characters is the best representation. Allie said that each sound of these words have
35 meaning, and if the Tribe anglicizes the spelling the depth of the name is lost. Allie said as a
36 compromise, the keyboard and language program for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe character set
37 is free and available for anyone to use.

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39 Allie said that hearing the word being pronounced more often will make it less and less of an issue.
40 Allie said that while the original application came from the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, the
41 Tribe did not have the capacity to continue fighting for this name change. Allie said that is why
42 there was a delay in the application.

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44 **KILISUT PASSAGE AND scləqʷ: INITIAL CONSIDERATION (Action Item)**

45 Mike Iyall said that the issue of pronounceability is relative, the language we use today is the most
46 recent language but not the oldest language. Mike said that language used today was

1 unpronounceable to the original inhabitants of this land.

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3 Chair Sara Palmer said that the Committee understood the limitations from the Tribes to work on
4 this proposal, and appreciates the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe picking this issue back up. Sara
5 said that staff had looked at the policies for the Committee, and that while diacritical marks are
6 disfavored, they can be included if their absence would alter the meaning of the name in the
7 original language. Sara said that the U.S. Board has expressed reservations to approve this name,
8 but Washington has sent names to them in the past that has made them reconsider their policies.

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10 Mike Iyall said that a couple of examples of pronounceability is a town called Pe Ell, which was
11 the closest the people could come to pronouncing “pierce”, which was an ancient name for
12 Tacoma. Mike said that Toutle is another example, shifting to current pronounceability over time.
13 Mike said that ancient languages do not always pronounce well in current times.

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15 Dr. Grant Smith said that a distinction needs to be made between diacritical marks and the special
16 alphabet range that linguist use to describe all languages. Diacritical marks are a way of modifying
17 and making more precise the Roman alphabet. Dr. Smith said that this is not an issue of
18 pronounceability, but of orthography. Dr. Smith said that we have orthographic representations
19 that are usable and we can enhance their usability using diacritical marks, and he would support a
20 proposal using diacritical marks. Dr. Smith said he cannot support this proposal as is, saying that
21 the Committee should think of this as an orthographic issue, not a pronounceability issue.

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23 Mary Schaff said that the alphabet range that linguist use may lead to people being afraid to use
24 the name based on how it is written. Mary said this might lead to people not using the name at all.
25 Mary mentioned work on native Hawaiian place names using diacritical marks and the Roman
26 alphabet. Mary said that she understands the complexity, but is concerned that if approved by
27 Washington, the Federal board would reject the name. Mary said that she is optimistic that a
28 compromise can be found.

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30 Mike Iyall said that we need to give ourselves permission to be on a learning phase, and that there
31 is no easy answer and everyone involved needs to give a little patience.

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33 Putnam Barber said that Mary made a good point in that if a name is unpronounceable it will not
34 be used. Putnam said that he cannot pronounce the name, and would hesitate to even try. Putnam
35 said that seeing the name in more familiar characters would lead to more use by people.

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37 Mike Iyall said that it can be a name used by everyone and we all have permission to be imperfect
38 while learning. Dr. Grant Smith said that he earnestly asks that the proponent be given a chance
39 to create an approximation of the name using the Roman alphabet and diacritical marks. Dr. Smith
40 said that he is fine with letting the proposal go on one more time. Putnam Barber agreed, saying
41 it would be best to have a name that people could use without having knowledge of linguistics.

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43 Allie Taylor addressed the Committee again, asking the Committee to table the proposal until next
44 meeting to allow time to talk with the language speakers at Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe.

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46 MOTION: Putnam Barber moved to defer the names Kilisut Passage and scləqʷ.

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2 SECOND: Dr. Grant Smith seconded the motion.

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4 ACTION: The motion was approved to defer the names Kilisut Passage and scləq^w, with Mary
5 Schaff abstaining.

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7 **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR RODNEY WHITE SLOUGH AND NATHANIEL SARGENT**
8 **LAKE**

9 Akuyea Karen Vargas who represents the Living Arts Cultural Heritage Project addressed the
10 Committee. Akuyea said that the slough was once referred to by a racist term, and the Living Arts
11 Cultural Heritage Project would like to properly honor Rodney White and Nathaniel Sargent by
12 naming these two features after black pioneers. Akuyea told the Committee to ask any questions
13 they may have about the history of the features.

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15 **RODNEY WHITE SLOUGH AND NATHANIEL SARGENT LAKE: INITIAL**
16 **CONSIDERATION (Action Item)**

17 Dean Foster clarified that if the names are approved for Final Consideration today, outreach would
18 be conducted before the next meeting. Chair Sara Palmer said some support has already been
19 submitted, but outreach would take place as per the usual Committee procedure.

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21 Chair Sara Palmer showed a map of the features to the Committee, and Mike Iyall said that he
22 supports this proposal and it is good to include the pioneers. Dr. Grant Smith said that he would
23 like to see more community support, but he supports this proposal. Mike also said that it would
24 be a good idea to include a sign on the feature to explain the history.

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26 Akuyea Karen Vargas said that she did know the current landowner, but would be glad to reach
27 out. Chair Sara Palmer said that Committee staff can contact the landowner before the next
28 meeting.

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30 MOTION: Mike Iyall moved to approve the names Rodney White Slough and Nathaniel Sargent
31 Lake.

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33 SECOND: Putnam Barber seconded the motion.

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35 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously to approve Rodney White Slough and Nathaniel
36 Sargent Lake for Final Consideration.

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38 **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR GOOSEBERRY CREEK**
39 None

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41 **GOOSEBERRY CREEK: INITIAL CONSIDERATION (Action Item)**

42 Chair Sara Palmer explained to the Committee that this proposal was similar to South Tucannon
43 Spring in that the U.S. Dept. of Interior used this name in the GNIS names database. Sara said
44 that the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation had submitted the name “West Fork
45 Frosty Creek” to the U.S. Dept. of the Interior.

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1 MOTION: Mike Iyall moved to approve the name Gooseberry Creek for Final Consideration.

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3 SECOND: Putnam Barber seconded the motion.

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5 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously to approve Gooseberry Creek for Final
6 Consideration.

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8 **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

9 Dean Foster said that if the Committee wished for the members to lobby the legislature, the next
10 Committee meeting would have to be before end of January 2023. Chair Sara Palmer said that the
11 legislative session starts January 9th, 2023 and would reach out to Committee members if the
12 funding request is included in the Governor's proposed budget.

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14 Putnam Barber said that Committee members could be proactive in tracking this issue, and Sara
15 said staff would reach out if any new information comes up.

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17 Mary Schaff said that she would like to take an active role in this, but as a state employee, she
18 needs more clarification before lobbying on behalf of issues. Mary said she would check with her
19 supervisor following the meeting, and Sara offered Mary some resources also.

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21 **ADJOURNMENT**

22 The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am.