**Terms of Reference**

**Advisory Committee on Undersea Feature Names**

**(ACUFN)**

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The ACUFN is responsible for:

1. Receiving and reviewing undersea and offshore surface maritime feature naming proposals for completeness and conformity with both the *Principles for the Naming of Undersea and Surface Maritime Features (2014)* and the *Procedures for Handling Proposals for Naming Undersea and Surface Maritime Features*;
2. Investigating and researching naming proposals in collaboration with members of the Geographical Names Board of Canada (GNBC) and through consultation with local or regional Indigenous communities where required, to ensure accuracy of supplied information, and determining suitability of proposals;
3. Using appropriate charts, maps, or data sources to verify information on undersea and surface maritime features in naming proposals;
4. Recommending to the GNBC the acceptance or rejection of names of undersea and surface maritime features in Canadian waters;
5. Supplying information to the GNBC Secretariat for updating and maintaining the current data base of undersea and surface maritime feature names;
6. Establishing suitable generic terminology for undersea and surface maritime features for use in Canada and defining the generic terms to be used;
7. When required, reviewing and recommending to the GNBC the suitability and appropriateness of maritime generic terminology.