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# Minutes

## Washington State Committee on Geographic Names

May 15, 2015  
Natural Resources Building  
Olympia, Washington

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

David Bergvall - Chair  
Mike Iyall - Tribal Representative  
Dean Foster - Public Member  
Putnam Barber - Public Member

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Caleb Maki

### **AUDIENCE MEMBERS PRESENT**

R. B. Crittenden – Cooper Creek  
Janice Crittenden – Cooper Creek  
Barbara Reid – Vancouver Notch  
Linda Fortune – Vancouver Notch  
Todd Baun – Wildcat Pond  
Eva Miller – Criss Creek

**Washington State Committee on Geographic Names  
May 15, 2015  
10:00am to 4:00pm  
Department of Natural Resources – Room 172  
1111 Washington St SE - Olympia WA 98504**

**Agenda**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**C. NAMES FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION**

**Chelan County**

Spirit Mountain – Name Change - **DENIED**

Sacred Mountain – Name Change - **DENIED**

**Grays Harbor County**

Probstfeld Creek – New Name - **DENIED**

Wildcat Pond – New Name – **APPROVED FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION**

**Jefferson County**

Cooper Creek – New Name – **APPROVED FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION**

**Pierce County**

Vancouver Notch – New Name – **APPROVED FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION**

**D. NAMES DEFERRED FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION**

**King County**

Dwea Lake - New Name - **DENIED**

**E. NAMES FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION**

**Jefferson County**

Criss Creek - New Name – **APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE**

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

1 **CALL TO ORDER**  
2 The David Bergvall called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. All of the Committee members  
3 introduced themselves.

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5 **SAFETY REVIEW**  
6 Mr. Maki gave a safety overview and instructions on evacuating the building in case of an  
7 emergency.

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9 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
10 Chair David Bergvall called for approval of the minutes for the October 24, 2014 Committee on  
11 Geographic Names Meeting.

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13 **MOITION:** Dean Foster moved to approve the minutes.

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15 **SECOND:** Putnam Barber seconded the motion.

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17 **ACTION:** The motion was unanimously approved.

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19 **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR SPIRIT MOUNTAIN AND SACRED MOUNTAIN**  
20 None

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22 **SPIRIT MOUNTAIN: INITIAL CONSIDERATION (Action Item)**  
23 **SACRED MOUNTAIN: INITIAL CONSIDERATION (Action Item)**  
24 After an overview by staff, Dean Foster made a motion to deny the proposals, citing the generic  
25 nature of the proposed replacement names, especially if they are intended to honor the  
26 Wenatchee people. The Committee did state that they encourage the proponent to come up with  
27 more unique names for the features.

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29 **MOTION:** Dean Foster moved to deny Spirit Mountain and Sacred Mountain.

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31 **SECOND:** Putnam Barber seconded the motion.

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33 **ACTION:** The motion was approved unanimously to deny Spirit Mountain and Sacred  
34 Mountain.

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36 **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR PROBSTFELD CREEK**  
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39 **PROBSTFELD CREEK: INITIAL CONSIDERATION (Action Item)**  
40 After an overview by staff, Putnam Barber stated that he did not see much of a long-term  
41 connection between the Probstfeld family and the feature to be named. Mr. Barber made a  
42 motion to deny the proposal.

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44 **MOTION:** Putnam Barber moved to deny the name Probstfeld Creek.

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46 **SECOND:** Mike Iyall seconded the motion.

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2 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously to deny Probstfeld Creek.

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4 **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR WILDCAT POND**

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7 **WILDCAT POND: INITIAL CONSIDERATION (Action Item)**

8 After an overview by staff, Putnam Barber stated that he liked that fact that the proponent (the  
9 City of McCleary) let the local school children choose the proposed name. Staff was asked to  
10 clarify who owned the land that the feature was on. Staff stated that the landowner was Green  
11 Diamond Resource Company, and that they would be contacted for an opinion request.

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13 MOTION: Putnam Barber moved to approve the name Wildcat Pond for Final Consideration.

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15 SECOND: Mike Iyall seconded the motion.

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17 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously to approve Wildcat Pond for Final  
18 Consideration.

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20 **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR COOPER CREEK**

21 The proponent, Richard Crittenden, addressed the Committee. Mr. Crittenden gave an overview  
22 of how he and his wife canvassed the local community that the feature flows through to gather  
23 signatures in support of the proposed name. Mr. and Mrs. Crittenden were able to gather 13  
24 signatures of support.

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26 **COOPER CREEK: INITIAL CONSIDERATION (Action Item)**

27 After an overview by staff, the Committee asked proponent to point out the Cooper homestead  
28 on the map. The proponent stated that one could still find concrete structures on the property.  
29 The Committee thanked the proponent for the work done to gather support for the proposal.

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31 MOTION: Dean Foster moved to approve the name Cooper Creek for Final Consideration.

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33 SECOND: Mike Iyall seconded the motion.

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35 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously to approve Cooper Creek for Final  
36 Consideration.

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38 **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR VANCOUVER NOTCH**

39 The proponent for Vancouver Notch, Barbara Reid, addressed the Committee. Mrs. Reid stated  
40 that she felt that this proposal was perfect timing, as 2017 will mark 225 years since Captain  
41 Vancouver explored the waters of the Puget Sound. Mrs. Reid had also submitted some pictures  
42 to the Committee that showed the “notch” shaped of the feature when viewed from the ground.

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44 **VANCOUVER NOTCH: INITIAL CONSIDERATION (Action Item)**

45 Staff gave an overview of the proposal, and displayed some pictures submitted by the proponent  
46 of different views of the feature.

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2 Mike Iyall stated that he is hesitant to approve the name, as there could be confusion with the  
3 other Vancouver features (Vancouver B.C., Vancouver, WA). Mr. Iyall also stated that the  
4 proposed name might be mistaken as a commemorative name for the other Vancouver features,  
5 and not Captain Vancouver as intended.

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7 The proponent was asked by the Committee if she would consider modifying the proposal to  
8 perhaps “Captain Vancouver Notch” or “Vancouver Notch”. The proponent said she would  
9 consider modifying the proposal, and would contact staff if she wished to change the proposed  
10 name.

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12 MOTION: Dean Foster moved to approve the name Vancouver Notch for Final Consideration.

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14 SECOND: Putnam Barber seconded the motion.

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16 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously to approve Vancouver Notch for Final  
17 Consideration.

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19 **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR DWEA LAKE**

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22 **DWEA LAK: DEFERRED INITIAL CONSIDERATION (Action Item)**

23 Staff was asked at the prior Committee meeting to contact the proponent and ask them to provide  
24 more evidence of support for the proposed name. Staff stated that the proponent sent in an email  
25 saying that he would produce more evidence, but staff never received any additional materials.

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27 MOTION: Dean Foster moved to deny the name Dwea Lake.

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29 SECOND: Mike Iyall seconded the motion.

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31 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously to deny Dwea Lake.

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33 **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CRISS CREEK**

34 The proponent, Eva Miller, addressed the Committee. Mrs. Miller stated how this proposal will  
35 be a wonderful tribute to her father. Mrs. Miller also pointed out her property on the map, and  
36 showed the flow of the creek through some timber lands. Mrs. Miller said that she would be  
37 happy to answer any questions from the Committee.

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39 **CRISS CREEK: FINAL CONSIDERATION (Action Item)**

40 Staff gave an overview of the proposal, and said that while the Committee did not hear back  
41 from the County, several attempts were made to solicit their opinion. The Committee usually  
42 takes this as a neutral opinion on the proposed name. Staff was also asked to contact Pope  
43 Resources, a timber company on which the feature flows, and the local golf course, neither of  
44 which returned any comments.

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46 MOTION: Putnam Barber moved to approve the name Criss Creek.

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SECOND: Dean Foster seconded the motion.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 AM.