

# PROPOSAL TO NAME A GEOGRAPHIC FEATURE IN ALASKA

## ALASKA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### ACTION REQUESTED:

- New name
- Application change
- Name change
- Other

## DESCRIPTION:

Proposed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of feature: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to name or change the name of this feature? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Why should the feature be named? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE READ THE ALASKA HISTORICAL COMMISSION GUIDELINES FOR GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSALS AVAILABLE AT**

**<http://www.dnr.alaska.gov/Assets/uploads/DNRPublic/parks/oha/designations/geonamesguidelines15.pdf>**

## LOCATION:

Distance and direction from nearest community or prominent topographic feature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Borough or Administrative Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_

Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Meridian: \_\_\_\_\_

USGS quadrangle: \_\_\_\_\_

Who owns the land where the feature is, or the land surrounding it? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have the property owners and those with adjacent property been notified of the proposed name and provided a chance to comment? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACH COPIES OF INFORMATIONAL LETTERS OR EMAILS SENT TO ANY PROPERTY OWNERS AND COPIES OF ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED ON PROPOSED NAME.**

**TYPE OF PROPOSAL:**

**LOCAL USAGE** – Who uses the proposed name? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
How many years has the feature been known by the proposed name? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you know of variant names or spellings for the feature? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTIVE** – How does the name describe the feature? Why is the proposed name appropriate?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
How many years has the feature been known by the proposed name? \_\_\_\_\_

**ALASKA NATIVE** – Is the name linguistically appropriate to the area? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Has there been consultation on the spelling and diacritical marks with all groups in the area and the Alaska Native Language Center, UAF? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**COMMEMORATIVE** – The Alaska Historical Commission will not consider a commemorative name proposal until the person has been dead five years.  
Full name of individual: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of death: \_\_\_\_\_  
Association with the feature proposed to be named: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Individual’s significant contribution to Alaska: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACH AN OBITUARY AND BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF THE INDIVIDUAL THAT ADDRESSES THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS THE INDIVIDUAL MADE TO ALASKA AND ASSOCIATION WITH THE FEATURE TO BE NAMED.**

**NAME CHANGE** – Explain why the name should be changed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Explain why the proposed name is appropriate: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
 **OTHER** – Explain why is the proposed name appropriate and needed (such as for a name in a wilderness area): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSER:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, state, zip code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR PROPOSAL MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A MAP SHOWING U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY INFORMATION AND CLEARLY IDENTIFYING THE FEATURE TO BE NAMED. PHOTOGRAPHS, PLAT MAPS, AND SITE PLANS ARE USEFUL. PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SHOW EVIDENCE OF LOCAL SUPPORT FOR THE NAME IS ENCOURAGED.**