
Name information such as origin, meaning of the recommended name, historical significance, biographic data (if commemorative), nature of usage or application, or any other pertinent information:

Unhghenesditnu is the proposed name for a stream located south of Kalifornsky Village, a significant Dena'ina site situated on the east shore of Tikatnu/Cook Inlet, north of the Kasilof River mouth, on the Kenai Peninsula. Kenaitze Indian Tribe owns many parcels in the area around this creek, and is not located in a wilderness area. The five-syllable word is phonetically spelled and pronounced: *unh-ghe-nes-DIT-nu*, literally meaning, LAST- BY -AHEAD- ONE- STREAM, underscoring the describing quality of the Alaska Native place name. According to the applicant, James Kari, Professor Emeritus of Alaska Native Languages at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, the name also served as a Dena'ina boundary marker, possibly used to delineate the Dena'ina territory from an unknown tribe that preceded the Dena'ina on the Kenai Peninsula. The name was first published by Anthropologist and Kenai Peninsula College Professor, Alan Boraas, who worked extensively with Dena'ina speaker Peter Kalifornsky and excavated the Kalifornsky Village site in 1975. According to the applicant, the name has been in local use for centuries. The applicant identified the creek name, Unhghenesditnu, in an article he authored in 1983. The traditional Dena'ina name is also identified on the Kenai Peninsula College's interactive language map and cited in *Shem Pete's Alaska*. As stated by the applicant, the name Unhghenesditnu "contributes to the public awareness of Dena'ina names which usually have transparent meanings." The Kenaitze Tribal Council expressed support to name the previously unnamed creek Unhghenesditnu Creek. The Mountaineering Club of Alaska has no objection.

Is the recommended name in local usage? Yes No **If Yes, approximately how many years?** _____

Is there local opposition to, or conflict with the recommended name (as located)? No conflict reported.

For proposed new name, please provide evidence that feature is unnamed: Stream is unnamed in USGS Map Viewer. Search of GNIS shows Unhghenesditnu as the Dena'ina name for the area but is not associated with the creek.

Additional information:

The proposed name is associated with the Kalifornsky Village site.

Organizations for Consultation:

Cook Inlet Tribal Council
Kenai Peninsula Borough
Kenaitze Indian Tribe
Cook Inlet Regional, Inc.
Department of Natural Resources

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Authority for Recommended Name:	Mailing Address and Telephone	Occupation	Years in Area
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