

# U.S. Board on Geographic Names Domestic Names Committee

## Quarterly Review List 462

### Introduction

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This Quarterly Review List includes geographic names proposed to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) for geographic features in the United States between mid-September and mid-December, 2025. The proposals will be considered by the BGN's Domestic Names Committee (DNC).

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Any organization, agency, or person may contact the BGN to share their support or opposition to any proposal included in this list.

The proposals may have been submitted for Federal consideration to

- name previously unnamed features
- recognize names in current local use
- resolve conflicts in name spellings, applications, and local usage
- change existing names

The proposed names are not official for Federal use until approved by the BGN. Only one name is official per geographic feature. Variant names and spellings discovered in researching a name are listed under Other Names. These may include names and spellings that formerly were official, historical names known to have been previously associated with the feature, names that conflict with current policies of the BGN, misspellings, and names misapplied to the subject of the proposal.

The BGN allows anyone to submit a proposal as long as it meets the minimum requirements for a complete proposal under the Principles, Policies, and Procedures. After the review process, which involves seeking recommendations from interested parties, BGN staff presents each case to the BGN for a vote. The BGN makes decisions on each proposal only after the full review process, and bases their decision on the following factors:

- the merits of the proposal
- recommendations and opinions from interested parties
- the DNC's [Domestic Geographic Names Policies](#)

The BGN has purview over the names of natural topographic and hydrographic features; reservoirs, canals, channels, crossings, and levees; and unincorporated populated places. The BGN does not have purview over the names of incorporated populated places, Census Designated Places, Civil divisions, ZIP Codes, or Tribal, Federal, State, local, and private administered land areas.

This Review List has also been posted on the [BGN's website](#).

Please send all comments on the proposals on this Review List to [BNEXEC@usgs.gov](mailto:BNEXEC@usgs.gov).

# Florida

## New name Redford Cove

### Proposal Information

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Proposed name	<b>Redford Cove</b>
Proposal type	New name for unnamed feature
Proponent	Carlton C. Smith; St. Johns, Florida
Date proposed	3/26/2025
BGN case number	6545
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### Feature Details

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Primary coordinates	30.03299, -81.6653
Feature class	Bay
Feature size	~28.5 acres
Feature description	.85 miles northwest of Hallowes Cove and 1.85 miles south of New Switzerland Point
Name history	Named for the reddish-brown tint of the river and its fords which were used by early settlers in the region.
USGS primary topo map	Fleming Island 1:24,000
State(s)	Florida
County(s)	St. Johns County

### BGN decisions

- None

### Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

### Case Summary

The name *Redford Cove* is proposed by Carlton C. Smith of St. Johns, Florida, for an unnamed cove along the St. Johns River in St. Johns County, Florida.

The name was initially proposed as Redfords Bay. During staff coordination, the proponent agreed to amend the name to Redford Bay, and subsequently to *Redford Cove*, to avoid potential commemorative interpretation and to better reflect the feature's form.

In follow-up correspondence with staff regarding the originally proposed name *Redfords Bay*, the proponent clarified that "*Redfords*" was not intended to commemorate an individual. The proponent explained that the name was derived from the reddish-brown color of the St. Johns River and from shallow river crossings ("fords") historically used in the region, and that the plural form was selected to avoid personal association.

Regarding the need for an official name, the proponent stated:

Currently unnamed, this bay lacks formal recognition despite its significance as part of the St. Johns River's lower basin.

Regarding the meaning and significance of the proposed name:

The name ... is proposed to commemorate the concept associated with resilience and contribution to local history and ecological stewardship.

The name serves as a tribute to the enduring connection between communities and the waterways that sustain them.

Regarding the appropriateness of the proposed name:

Naming this bay [Redford Cove] aligns with efforts to honor Florida's rich history while recognizing the ecological and cultural importance of its waterways.

The proposal further states:

This proposal contributes to preserving local heritage while fostering community engagement with the natural environment.

In supporting documentation, the proponent stated:

Naming the bay '*Redfords Bay*' would contribute to more precise navigation and mapping of the St. Johns River, similar to how historical landmarks like Popo Point and Hallowes Cove have been identified. It would also enhance local identity, much like how the name 'New Switzerland' has become part of the area's character.

### Stakeholder Input

Local government	St. Johns Board of County Commissioners	
State Names Authority	Florida State Board on Geographic Names	
Federal Agency	National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	

## New name Two Rivers

### Proposal Information

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Proposed name	<b>Two Rivers</b>
Proposal type	New name for unnamed feature
Proponent	Straley Robin Vericker, Attorneys at Law; Tampa Florida
Date proposed	10/28/2025
BGN case number	6642
Quarterly Review List	462

### Feature Details

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Primary coordinates	28.185278, -82.235222
Feature class	Populated Place
Feature size	6,000 acres
Feature description	N of Acline, S of Alderman
Name history	Associated with the historically named Two Rivers Ranch, a privately held ranch that existed on the property beginning in approximately 1932.
USGS primary topo map	Zephyrhills 1:24,000
State(s)	Florida
County(s)	Pasco County / Hillsborough County
Local jurisdiction(s)	City of Zephyrhills
PLSS	Sec. 11, T26S, R21E, Tallahassee Meridian
Land ownership	Private (developer-managed)

### BGN decisions

- None

### Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

### Case Summary

This proposal, submitted by Straley Robin Vericker, Attorneys at Law, of Tampa, Florida, seeks to apply the name *Two Rivers* to an approximately 6,000-acre unincorporated populated place located in Pasco County and Hillsborough County, Florida. The feature consists of a single, contiguous, privately owned and managed master-planned development and lies within areas currently associated with ZIP Codes for Zephyrhills, Thonotosassa, and nearby communities.

In follow-up to staff correspondence, the submitter stated that the proposal was submitted through counsel on behalf of the Two Rivers North, South, East, and West Community Development Districts (collectively, the “Districts”).

Regarding the meaning, significance, and appropriateness of the proposed name, the proponent wrote that *Two Rivers* “is a development that is an economic anchor in the region” and that “the name is appropriate due to it being one development.” Regarding need for federal recognition, the proponent wrote:

This [ZIP Code] division causes confusion for residents and businesses, disrupts emergency response and government services, creates insurance classification inconsistencies, and results in addressing and navigation errors.

Compounding this issue is the physical design of the community: Two Rivers has limited access points, and certain areas will be gated. This controlled-access layout means that mail carriers and delivery personnel cannot freely navigate between sections of the development as they would in an open-grid neighborhood. When multiple ZIP Codes are overlaid on a single, gated master-planned community, the result is often inefficiency, mis-delivery, and unnecessary delays in mail and package delivery. A unified ZIP Code would help streamline postal routing and ensure consistency of service across the entire community footprint.

Furthermore:

A unified ZIP Code and official place name designation will support the operational needs of USPS, improve service reliability, and reflect the true identity of this master-planned community. In order to obtain a unified ZIP Code, [we] must obtain the name designation from the BGN of Two Rivers, Florida.

Provided correspondence between the proponent and the United States Postal Service (USPS) explains that changes to ZIP Code boundaries or recognition of “*Two Rivers*” as an acceptable city name cannot be considered unless the feature is first recognized by the BGN as a populated place.

In follow-up to staff, the proponent explained that the name *Two Rivers* derives from the historically named Two Rivers Ranch, a privately held ranch that existed on the property since approximately 1932. The proponent stated that the ranch was named for “the two rivers converging on the property, the Hillsborough River and the Blackwater Creek.”

### **Stakeholder Input**

Local government	Pasco County Board of County Commissioners	
	Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners	
State Names Authority	Florida	
Federal Agency	USPS	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	

# Idaho / Montana

## New name Threecorner Tarn

### Proposal Information

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Proposed name	<b>Threecorner Tarn</b>
Proposal type	New name for unnamed feature
Proponent	Loren Skaggs; Redmond, Washington
Date proposed	11/26/2025
BGN case number	6647
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### Feature Details

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Primary coordinates	44.477237, -111.05937
Feature class	Lake
Feature size	1.73 acres
Feature description	13.6 miles SW of Three Brothers Mountains, 11.4 miles W of Three Sisters Springs
Name history	Descriptive name referring to the feature's location near the Idaho–Montana–Wyoming tripoint.
USGS primary topo map	Buffalo Lake NE 1:24,000
State(s)	Idaho / Montana
County(s)	Fremont County / Gallatin County
PLSS	PB 49, T15S, R5E, Montana Meridian
Land ownership	Yellowstone National Park

### BGN decisions

- None

### Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

### Case Summary

This proposal, submitted by Loren Skaggs of Redmond, Washington, seeks to apply the name *Threecorner Tarn* to an unnamed alpine lake located near the Idaho–Montana–Wyoming tripoint within Yellowstone National Park, in Gallatin County, Montana, and Fremont County, Idaho. The feature is located within a proposed wilderness.

Regarding the need for an official name, the proponent stated:

An official name will support accurate mapping, navigation, and resource management in this remote area of Yellowstone.

Regarding the meaning and appropriateness of the proposed name:

The name '*Threecorner Tarn*' refers to the tarn's location near the point where Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming meet. It is a simple, descriptive name that reflects the feature's proximity to the three-state corner.

Regarding the proposal form question addressing wilderness and overriding need:

An official name provides a clear reference for Federal mapping and boundary descriptions along the Idaho–Montana line. The lake is a distinct recurring feature, and naming it supports accurate Federal geographic communication without any impact on the wilderness.

### **Stakeholder Input**

Local government	Gallatin County Commission, Montana	
	Fremont County Board of County Commissioners, Idaho	
State Names Authority	Idaho State Historical Society	
	Montana (State Names Authority inactive)	
Federal Agency	National Park Service	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	

# Indiana

## New name Owl Island

### Proposal Information

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Proposed name	<b>Owl Island</b>
Proposal type	New name for unnamed feature
Proponent	Zachary Brock; Farmersburg, IN
Date proposed	10/8/2025
BGN case number	6639
Quarterly Review List	462

### Feature Details

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Primary coordinates	39.573139, -87.398583
Feature class	Island
Feature size	~4.45 acres
Feature description	Within the Wabash River, ~1.65 mi. ENE of Farmer Lake, ~0.5 mi. NNE of the confluence of Otter Creek
Name history	Named for the presence of owls on the island
USGS primary topo map	New Goshen 1:24,000
State(s)	Indiana
County(s)	Vigo County
Local jurisdiction(s)	Fayette Township
PLSS	Sec. 15, T13N, R9W, Second Meridian
Land ownership	Indiana Department of Natural Resources

### BGN decisions

- None

### Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

### Case Summary

This proposal, submitted by Zachary Brooks of Farmersburg, Indiana, seeks to apply the new name *Owl Island* to an approximately 5-acre island in the Wabash River near the unincorporated community of Tecumseh in Fayette Township, Vigo County, Indiana. The island lies within the navigable portion of the Wabash River. Under Indiana law, the beds and islands of navigable waters are owned by the State of Indiana and are managed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

The proponent stated that an official name is needed for “safety and emergency services: consistent names for natural features are critical for search and rescue operations, disaster response, and other emergency services.” The proponent added that “*Owl Island* represents the owls that have lived on the Island.”

Regarding personal interest, the proponent stated:

I would like to have a landmark that is known for safety reasons and a landmark that is used for navigational purposes for kayaker, boaters, and others on the Wabash River.

## Stakeholder Input

Local government	Fayette Township Trustee	
	Vigo County Commissioners	
State Names Authority	Indiana Board on Geographic Names	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	
Other	Indiana Department of Natural Resources	

# Pennsylvania

## New name Lake Wilkins

### Proposal Information

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Proposed name	<b>Lake Wilkins</b>
Proposal type	New commemorative name for unnamed feature
Proponent	Jonathan Robert Baltzley; Montrose PA
Date proposed	11/4/2025
BGN case number	6643
Quarterly Review List	462

### Feature Details

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Primary coordinates	41.7674388, -76.0420203
Feature class	Reservoir
Feature size	10 acres
Feature description	~3.1 mi. NE of Tuscarora Lake and ~2.5 mi. S of Devine Ridge
Name history	Named for Sir George Hubert Wilkins (1888–1958) an Arctic Explorer and accomplished military figure who is associated with the property.
USGS primary topo map	Lawton 1:24,000
State(s)	Pennsylvania
County(s)	Susquehanna County
Local jurisdiction(s)	Rush Township
Land ownership	Private

### BGN decisions

- None

### Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

### Case Summary

This proposal is to apply the new commemorative name *Lake Wilkins* to an unnamed, approximately 10-acre reservoir that drains into Deer Lick Creek in Rush Township, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. The proposal was submitted by Jonathan Robert Baltzley of Montrose, Pennsylvania. The proponent reported that the reservoir is privately owned by his father.

According to the proposal, an official name is needed “to formally give honor to a very historic figure that is very unknown in this country. Except locally.” The intended honoree is Sir George Hubert Wilkins (1888–1958), “an Arctic Explorer who achieved many firsts in that realm” and “an accomplished military” figure. The proposal reports that “Wilkins had the lake built on a former celery farm,” and notes that “it is believed that he used the lake in testing his cold weather gear for the Army Quartermaster.”

Regarding Wilkins's personal ties to the area, the proposal describes him as "very reclusive and [one who] kept to himself." With respect to his broader significance, the proposal states that he "was an accomplished war correspondent and photographer, polar explorer, naturalist, geographer, climatologist, and aviator," and notes that multiple geographic features in Antarctica are named for him.

According to GNIS records, Wilkins Coast was named for Sir Hubert Wilkins, who conducted an early Antarctic exploratory flight in 1928. Wilkins Mountains were named for Sir Hubert Wilkins by the Ronne Antarctic Research Expedition (1947–48).

### **Stakeholder Input**

Local government	Rush Township Supervisors	
	Susquehanna County Commission	
State Names Authority	Pennsylvania Geographic Names Committee	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	

## New name Schist Creek

### Proposal Information

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Proposed name	<b>Schist Creek</b>
Proposal type	New name for an unnamed feature
Proponent	Jeanne Berlin; East Fallowfield Township Environmental Advisory Committee, Coatesville, Pennsylvania
Date proposed	11/10/2025
BGN case number	6644
Quarterly Review List	462

### Feature Details

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Primary coordinates	39.97637, -75.78724
Secondary coordinates	39.9579, -75.77995
Feature class	Stream
Feature size	~2 mi. long
Feature description	Heads 1.6 mi. ESE from the epicenter of Coatesville, flows SSE into Shale Run
Name history	Named for the geologic makeup of the stream bed
USGS primary topo map	Coatesville 1:24,000
State(s)	Pennsylvania
County(s)	Chester County
Local jurisdiction(s)	East Fallowfield Township
Land ownership	HOA, East Fallowfield Township

### BGN decisions

- None

### Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

### Case Summary

This proposal seeks to apply the name *Schist Creek* to an approximately two-mile-long tributary of Shale Run located in East Fallowfield Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. The proposal was submitted by Jeanne Berlin on behalf of the East Fallowfield Township Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC).

Regarding their interest in naming the feature, the proponent stated:

Our EAC (Environmental Advisory Committee) is interested in naming our creeks to promote public awareness of the importance of caring for these important features.

Regarding the origin and rationale for the proposed name, the proponent stated:

In September 2023, the East Fallowfield EAC (Chester County, PA) was successful in naming the adjoining creek "Shale Run." At the time of that application it was pointed out that the geology of this area was actually schist, not shale, and would be a more accurate choice; we decided to stay with Shale Run.

With this application we would like to continue with names descriptive of the local geology and therefore choose "Schist Creek" to refer to the geologic makeup of the stream bed.

Regarding the environmental context of the feature, the proponent stated:

This stream, as well as the previously named Shale Run, is an Exceptional Value Stream (designated by DEP and found on CCWRA maps).

For context, the proponent previously submitted successful naming proposals for Shale Run and its tributaries, First Branch Shale Run and Second Branch Shale Run, which are hydrologically connected to the proposed feature.

Letters of support were provided by the Executive Director of the Chester County Water Resources Authority and by the Chair of the East Fallowfield Township Board of Supervisors.

### **Stakeholder Input**

Local government	East Fallowfield Township Board of Supervisors	*Support
	Chester County Water Resources Authority (on behalf of Chester County)	*Support
State Names Authority	Pennsylvania Geographic Names Committee	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	

\*Provided by proponent

# Texas

## New name Angel Falls

### Proposal Information

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Proposed name	<b>Angel Falls</b>
Proposal type	New name for unnamed feature
Proponent	Tim Maxwell; Mansfield, TX
Date proposed	7/15/2025
BGN case number	6611
Quarterly Review List	462

### Feature Details

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Primary coordinates	29.2813, -103.3063
Feature class	Falls
Feature size	Height 250–300 ft.
Feature description	~1 mi. E of Vernon Bailey Peak, 1 mi. W of Mount Huffman
Name history	Named for the waterfall's intermittent nature and visual characteristics
USGS primary topo map	The Basin 1:24,000
State(s)	Texas
County(s)	Brewster County
Land ownership	Big Bend National Park

### BGN decisions

- None

### Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

### Case Summary

This proposal, submitted by Tim Maxwell of Mansfield, Texas, seeks to apply the name *Angel Falls* to an unnamed waterfall located in Big Bend National Park, Brewster County, Texas, on land managed by the National Park Service. The feature is located within a proposed wilderness.

Regarding the need for an official name, the proponent stated:

Naming this ephemeral waterfall aids navigation, interpretation, and documentation within Big Bend National Park. It enhances visitor experience and supports accurate federal records for a distinct, observable geographic feature lacking any official name.

Regarding the meaning and significance of the proposed name:

*Angel Falls* reflects the waterfall's sudden, ethereal appearance after storms—like an angelic visitation.

Regarding the appropriateness of the proposed name:

The name aligns with its ephemeral nature, visual beauty, and emotional meaning—marking a distinct, observable feature worthy of recognition.

Regarding the proponent's interest in the name:

The name marks a profound personal moment—my wedding anniversary—and a rare natural event I witnessed and recorded.

In a follow-up email responding to the proposal form question addressing wilderness and overriding need, the proponent stated that naming the waterfall would help distinguish the feature in federal records, support visitor orientation and interpretation, and provide an identifier for a distinct, recurring natural feature.

Limited online references to the name “*Angel Falls*” were identified and appear to originate primarily from the proponent’s own photography and derivative commercial uses.

### **Stakeholder Input**

Local government	Brewster County Commissioners Court	
State Names Authority	Texas Geographic Names Committee	
Federal Agency	National Park Service	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	

# Change Boca Chica Beach (FID 1330976) to Cyber Beach

## Proposal Information

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Proposed name	<b>Cyber Beach</b>
Proposal type	change a name
Current official name	Boca Chica Beach
GNIS ID	1330976
Proponent	Josh Hazel; Hattiesburg, MS
Date proposed	11/25/2024
BGN case number	6401
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## Feature Details

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Primary coordinates	25.97097, -97.14733
Secondary coordinates	n/a
Feature class	beach
Feature size	3.6 mi. long
Feature description	Between the Rio Grande and Del Mar Beach
Name history	Name refers to SpaceX and Cybertruck enthusiasts who use the beach to watch SpaceX launches
USGS primary topo map	Mouth of Rio Grande 1:24,000
State(s)	Texas
County(s)	Cameron County
Local jurisdiction(s)	City of Starbase (partly)
PLSS	n/a
Land ownership	Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge / Boca Chica State Park / private

## BGN decisions

- None

## Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names:
  - Boca Chica Beach: (USGS 1936, 1955, 1992; local community and tourism websites)
  - Boca Chica Beach (in part): (local community and tourism websites)

## Case Summary

This proposal is to change the name of *Boca Chica Beach* in Cameron County to *Cyber Beach*. The proposal was submitted by Josh Hazel from Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The beach lies partly within the City of Starbase and on private land, Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge, and Boca Chica State Park.

The proponent stated

There is a group of enthusiasts who come down for the SpaceX launches and refer to the beach area where we all meet as *Cyber Beach*. While it is commonly referred to this by enthusiasts, we would love to have a formal declaration of this name as it is representative of the Rocket and Starship which launch just a few hundred yards away. . . . We are proposing [that *Boca*

*Chica Beach*] be renamed “*Cyber Beach*” to commemorate the location where inter-planetary travel was started.

*Boca Chica Beach* has been labeled on USGS maps since 1936 and the name applies to a stretch of beach that runs north from the Rio Grande to near the north end of Boca Chica Bay. *Boca Chica Beach* is currently accessible at the end of Texas State Route 4. The beach to the north of Boca Chica Bay has been labeled as Del Mar Beach on USGS maps since 1955.

There is some ambiguity about the extent of what locals call *Boca Chica Beach* and if the name Del Mar Beach is used locally. Some sources apply the name to the entire stretch of beach between the Rio Grande north to Brazos Santiago Pass (the Brownsville Ship Channel).

The proponent initially wanted to rename only the part of *Boca Chica Beach* south of Route 4 where the group meets to watch SpaceX launches and leave the part north of Route 4 named as *Boca Chica Beach*. Because there is no geographic separation between the beach north and south of Texas State Route 4, the BGN DNC’s Principles do not allow renaming part of *Boca Chica Beach*. After corresponding with staff and staff attempts to resolve the local use of *Boca Chica Beach* versus Del Mar Beach. the proponent agreed to proceed with a proposal to rename the entire *Boca Chica Beach* to *Cyber Beach*.

Staff asked the proponent to explain the significance of “Cyber” in the proposed name and he responded:

[“Cyber” is] a hat tip to the CyberTruck which is made from the same material as the SpaceX Starship. It’s often likened to a “vehicle from Mars” which is the ultimate destination for the SpaceX Starship and the Starship is the dominating feature and activity for that area. Many references around Starship and the CyberTruck use the Cyber moniker just to infer the reference of out-of-this-world exploration or experiences and such. A large group of folks gather up on this section of the beach with CyberTrucks for the launches and other major Starship activities/announcements. . . .

Then staff asked the proponent to address the Commercial Names Policy in light of the response; the proponent stated:

I have reviewed the Commercial Names Policy and can confirm the proposed name does not promote a commercial product or enterprise. The proposed name is related to the community around common interests. Additionally, the “Cyber” name is a generic term used in many enterprises and is not trademarked. Tesla uses the term in the name of their truck but as a single word (Cybertruck). Most of the common uses of Cyber are as a prefix to other terms (CyberGear, Cybersecurity, etc). The stand-alone term Cyber is not used by Tesla or SpaceX.

If this proposal is approved, the northern section of beach would continue to have the official Federal name Del Mar Beach, and the southern section would have the official Federal name *Cyber Beach*. No portion of the beach would have the official Federal name *Boca Chica Beach*.

## Stakeholder Input

Local government	City of Starbase	
	Cameron County	
State Names Authority	Texas Geographic Names Committee	

Federal Agency	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
	National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	
Other		

# New York

## New name Pepper Pond

### Proposal Information

Proposed name	<b>Pepper Pond</b>
Proposal type	New name for an unnamed feature
Proponent	James Duguay; Millbrook, NY
Date proposed	10/13/2025
BGN case number	6645
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### Feature Details

Primary coordinates	41.744398, -73.737356
Feature class	Reservoir
Feature size	~ .25 acres
Feature description	1.5 mi. W of Germond Hill, 0.85 mi. SSE of Sheldon Hill
Name history	Named for its pepper-like shape
USGS primary topo map	Verbank 1:24,000
State(s)	New York
County(s)	Dutchess County
Local jurisdiction(s)	Town of Washington
Land ownership	Private (proponent)

### BGN decisions

- None

### Other Names

- Unpublished names: None found
- Published names: None found

### Case Summary

The new name *Pepper Pond* is proposed for an unnamed, approximately quarter-acre reservoir located on the proponent's private property in the Town of Washington, Dutchess County, New York. The proposal was submitted by James Duguay of Millbrook, New York. The feature is not shown on USGS topographic maps or in the National Hydrography Dataset but is visible in aerial imagery.

The proponent reported the reservoir was built around the same time as the housing structure, in the late 1970s. They further state that "the pond is oblong shaped like a pepper," and "It is a small, unnamed body of water that connects by stream to another, named small body of water [Moffitt Pond]." The proposal noted that the name is appropriate because "it is an inoffensive name for a body of water that is deserving of a name."

### Stakeholder Input

Local government	Town of Washington Board of Supervisors	
	Dutchess County Executive	

State Names Authority	New York State Committee on Geographic Names	
Federally Recognized Tribes	All federally recognized Tribes contacted under Policy X	
Other	Washington Town Historian	