WA State Board on Geographic Names

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Reef Net Bay

Bay: 0.25 miles wide, located on the SE side of Shaw Island in the San Juan Islands.

The proposal was submitted in response to a proposal to change the name of Squaw Bay.

The feature has been a site for historic reef net fishing, and is still used for that purpose today.

The proponent believes that “Reef Net Bay” is a compromise that has a firm base in history of the island, and honors both past and present residents of the island.
Stream; 16.2 miles long; heads 22 miles NE of Goldendale at 45°57'5.428"N, 120°22'4.393"W, flows E then S to enter Rock Creek.

Proposal to rename Squaw Creek located in Klickitat County. According to the proponent, the Squaw Creek canyon served as an important wagon trail route for Yakama Tribal members between the Columbia River and other Yakama lands.

Walalueks was a Yakama woman who lived the majority of her life in Squaw Creek canyon, and it is assumed that she is the woman intended by the name Squaw Creek. Walalueks took care of other Tribal members traveling through the canyon.
Three proposals submitted in response to discrepancies in the National Hydrography Database.

Hunter Creek - New Name. Proponent claims that name is in use today, would like to make the name official.

Weaver Creek - Location correction.

Purdy Creek - Location correction.