Domestic Geographic Name Report

Action Requested:

☑ Proposed New Name
☐ Application Change
☐ Name Change
☐ Other

Recommended Name: Bridgebend Island
State: Oregon
County: Lane
Administrative Area: Willamette River island

Specific Area Covered

☐ Mouth
☐ End
☑ Center

Latitude: 44°02'51" N
Longitude: 125°01'48" W

☐ Heading
☐ End

Latitude: 44°02'51" N
Longitude: 125°01'48" W

Section(s) 34 Township(s) 17S Range(s) 3W Meridian Will
Elevation 432
  ☑ Feet
  ☐ Meters

Type of Feature (stream, mountain, populated place, etc.):

Is the feature identified (including other names) in the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)?
  ☐ Yes
  ☐ No
  ☑ Unknown

If yes, please indicate how it is listed (include name and GNIS feature ID number):

Description of Feature (physical shape, length, width, direction of flow, etc.):
Crescent shaped, gravel bar island, located in midstream

Maps and Other Sources Using Recommended Name (include scale and date)

Other Names (variants)

Maps and Other Sources Using Other Names or Applications (include scale and date)
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Name Information (such as origin, meaning of the recommended name, historical significance, biographical data (if commemorative), nature of usage or application, or any other pertinent information):

From a July 15, 2018 article in the Eugene, Oregon’s, Register Guard newspaper, we learn that the unnamed island is geologically quite new, dating from the 1950’s when the current Highway bridge was constructed, creating a gravel bar downstream.

I propose a descriptive name, “Bridgehead Island” which keys off the idea that the island resulted from changing river currents due to construction of Bridge. No one is favored or slighted by the proposed name.

Is the recommended name in local usage?
  ☐ Yes
  ☑ No

If yes, for approximately how many years?

Is there local opposition to, or conflict, with the recommended name (as located)? Not to my knowledge. Another name has recently been proposed for this island by Mr. Peter Ferrero, and I would support that he receive recognition for stimulating the process to name this island.
For proposed new name, please provide evidence that feature is unnamed:
A July 15, 2018 article in the Register Guard newspaper, Eugene, Oregon

Additional information: Older residents in this area of Springfield, Oregon can recall seeing the formation of the gravel bag after the construction of a bridge.

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