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Committee on Natural Resources
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The Weekly Preview

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This Week's Hearings:

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- On Tuesday, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife** will hold an oversight hearing on the "Implementation of Public Law 110-229 to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam." The hearing will allow leaders of the CNMI and Guam and federal officials to testify on the progress and status of the implementation of Title VII of P.L. 110-229. The hearing will also explore any concerns or problems that may have arisen since the law was enacted.

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (*May 19, 2009, at 10 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building*)

- On Wednesday, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife** will hold an oversight hearing in advance of the 61st meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) to be held in Madeira, Portugal, from June 22-26. The hearing will focus on the policy positions of the United States with respect to proposals that could potentially undermine the moratorium on commercial whaling that has been in effect since 1986.

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (*May 20, 2009, at 1 p.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building*)

- On Thursday, the **Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands** will hold an oversight hearing on "The Future of the Forest Economy." The economic downturn has dramatically impacted the forest products industry, especially those companies reliant on wood from National Forest System lands. The hearing will server to review the current economic factors at play and explore options for getting the industry back on its feet.

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (May 21, 2009, at 10 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

Quotable Quote:

“Solar power is essential for meeting our renewable energy, clean energy, and domestic energy security goals. But it also means we need to take extra care to make sure we are doing it right. We need to have all stakeholders in the process working together to build consensus about the best ways to put solar plants on the ground and get the power to where it is needed.”

– Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Chairman Jim Costa (D-CA) at a May 11, 2009 Subcommittee oversight field hearing on "Solar Energy Development On Federal Lands: The Road to Consensus" in Palm Desert, California. Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) or Chairman Costa's [opening remarks](#) from the field hearing.

Calendar:

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Monday 5/18	Tuesday 5/19	Wednesday 5/20	Thursday 5/21	Friday 5/22
	Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM)	Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Oversight Hearing (1:00 PM)	Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM)	

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