



News from the 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 "Overdose: How Drugs and Chemicals in Water Supplies and the Environment are Harming our Fish and Wildlife." Threats to fish and wildlife are numerous, ranging from habitat destruction to climate change. Often unseen, however, are threats posed by contaminants, which are widespread and affect the reproduction and health of these resources. This oversight hearing will highlight the research conducted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Geological Survey, and other organizations, and will explore potential voluntary approaches to reducing drugs and other chemicals in the environment to minimize stresses on fish and wildlife populations.

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (June 9, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

- On Wednesday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will meet in open markup session to consider the following bills:
 - [H.R. 1612](#) (Grijalva): To amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service-learning opportunities on public lands, help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources, train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts, and promote the value of public service. "*Public Lands Service Corps Act of 2009*"
 - [H.R. 1916](#) (Dingell): To amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to provide for a revised schedule of price increases for the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp,

popularly known as the "Duck Stamp", and for other purposes. *"Migratory Bird Habitat Investment and Enhancement Act"*

- [H.R. 556](#) (Farr): To establish a program of research, recovery, and other activities to provide for the recovery of the southern sea otter. *"Southern Sea Otter Recovery and Research Act"*
- [H.R. 934](#) (Sablan): To convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands.
- [H.R. 1080](#) (Bordallo): To strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and for other purposes. *"Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2009"*
- [H.R. 2188](#) (Kratovil): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to conduct a Joint Venture Program to protect, restore, enhance, and manage migratory bird populations, their habitats, and the ecosystems they rely on, through voluntary actions on public and private lands, and for other purposes. *"Joint Ventures for Bird Habitat Conservation Act of 2009"*
- [H.R. 509](#) (Henry E. Brown, Jr.): To reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004. *"Marine Turtle Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2009"*
- [H.R. 1454](#) (Henry E. Brown, Jr.): To provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp. *"Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act of 2009"*
- [H.R. 1275](#) (Matheson): To direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, and for other purposes. *"Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act of 2009"*
- [H.R. 1442](#) (Matheson): To provide for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909.
- [H.R. 129](#) (Gallegly): To authorize the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the Los Padres National Forest in California.
- [H.R. 409](#) (Heller): To provide for the conveyance of certain Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Nevada to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, and for other purposes.

- [H.R. 762](#) (Heller): To validate final patent number 27-2005-0081, and for other purposes.

Visit the Committee's Web site to view the [markup report](#) following the markup. (June 10, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building.)

- On Thursday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will receive testimony on the following bill:
 - [H.R. 2314](#) (Abercrombie): "*Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2009*"

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (June 11, 2009, at 10 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

In Case You Missed It:

- Last Week, the **House of Representatives** approved the following bills under the jurisdiction of the House Natural Resources Committee:
 - [H.R. 31](#) (McIntyre): To provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes. "*Lumbee Recognition Act*"
 - [H.R. 1385](#) (James Moran): To extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe. "*Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2009*"
 - [H.R. 325](#) (Grijalva): To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project. "*Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project*"
 - [H.R. 1120](#) (Chet Edwards): To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and for other purposes. "*Central Texas Water Recycling Act of 2009*"
 - [H.R. 1393](#) (Hinojosa): To amend the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000 to authorize additional projects and activities under that Act, and for other purposes. "*Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2009*"

- [H.R. 1280](#) (Stupak): To modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior.
- [H.R. 689](#) (Herger): To interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management
- [H.R. 2330](#) (Lamborn): To direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing Camp Hale as a unit of the National Park System. *“Camp Hale Study Act”*
- [H.R. 2430](#) (Doc Hastings): To direct the Secretary of the Interior to continue stocking fish in certain lakes in the North Cascades National Park, Ross Lake National Recreation Area, and Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.
- [H.J.Res. 40](#) (Baca): To honor the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States, and for other purposes. *“Native American Heritage Day Act of 2009”*
- [H.Res. 421](#) (Roe): Recognizing and commending the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on its 75th year anniversary.

Quotable Quote:

“In the face of adversity, the determination and sheer stamina of the Lumbee serve as testament to their strong belief in who they are as a people. They have endured rejection by Congress, hostility by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and have even been snubbed in their quest by neighboring Indian Tribes unwilling to have the Lumbee recognized by Congress as they were. All the Lumbee want is the respect of being acknowledged for who they are – an American Indian Tribe.”

– Chairman Rahall, during floor debate in the U.S. House of Representatives on the **“Lumbee Recognition Act”** ([H.R. 31](#)). The House approved H.R. 31 on June 3, 2009, by a vote of 240 to 179.

Calendar:

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Monday 6/08	Tuesday 6/09	Wednesday 6/10	Thursday 6/11	Friday 6/12
	Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Oversight Hearing (10:30 AM)	Full Committee Markup (10:00 AM)	Full Committee Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM)	



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