



News from the
Committee on Natural Resources
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The Weekly Preview

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This Week's Hearings and Markups:

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- On Wednesday morning, the **Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources** will receive testimony on the following bill:
 - [H.R. 2227](#) (Tim Murphy): *"The American Conservation and Clean Energy Independence Act"*

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (*September 9, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1334 Longworth House Office Building*)

- Also on Wednesday morning, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife** will hold an oversight hearing on Offshore Aquaculture. As capture of many of our wild fish stocks peaks, aquaculture is becoming a more important means for meeting the increasing demand for seafood. Offshore aquaculture may assist in meeting this demand, but it has the potential to harm the marine environment and native fish populations, as well as conflict with other ocean uses. The Subcommittee will receive testimony on how a national framework for offshore aquaculture should be structured to ensure the sustainability of this emerging industry and the marine environment.

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (*September 9, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building*)

- On Wednesday afternoon, the **Subcommittee on Water and Power** will receive testimony on the following 2 bills:
 - [H.R. 3254](#) (Lujan): To approve the Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement, and for other purposes. *"Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 2009"*

- [H.R. 3342](#) (Lujan): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, and Tesuque. *“Aamodt Litigation Settlement Act of 2009”*

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- On Thursday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will meet in open markup session to consider the following 11 bills:
 - [H.R. 685](#) (Clay): To require a study of the feasibility of establishing the United States Civil Rights Trail System, and for other purposes. *“United States Civil Rights Trail System Act of 2009”*
 - [H.R. 1593](#) (Rick Larsen): To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.
 - [H.R. 2802](#) (Delahunt): To provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes.
 - [H.R. 2806](#) (Doc Hastings): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness, and for other purposes.
 - [H.R. 3113](#) (Rahall): To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Elk River in the State of West Virginia for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes. *“Upper Elk River Wild and Scenic Study Act”*
 - [H.R. 2008](#) (Matheson): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project. *“Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act”*
 - [H.R. 2265](#) (Chaffetz): To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Magna Water District water reuse and groundwater recharge project, and for other purposes. *“Magna Water District Water Reuse and Groundwater Recharge Act of 2009”*

- [H.R. 2442](#) (George Miller): To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to expand the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, and for other purposes. *“Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program Expansion Act of 2009”*
- [H.R. 2522](#) (Gallegly): To raise the ceiling on the Federal share of the cost of the Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Project, and for other purposes.
- [H.R. 2741](#) (Walden): To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, and for other purposes.
- [H.R. 2950](#) (Matheson): To direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District.

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

In Case You Missed It:

- On July 29, the **Committee on Natural Resources** approved the following 6 bills:
 - [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. 481](#) (Oberstar): To revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota to include existing hiking trails along Lake Superior's north shore and in Superior National Forest and Chippewa National Forest, and for other purposes. *“North Country National Scenic Trail Route Adjustment Act of 2009”*
 - [H.R. 1641](#) (Inslee): To amend the National Trails System Act to provide for a study of the Cascadia Marine Trail. *“Cascadia Marine Trail Study Act”*
 - [H.R. 905](#) (Stupak): To expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, and for other purposes. *“Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act”*

- [H.R. 1771](#) (Sarbanes): To reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes. *“Chesapeake Bay Science, Education, and Ecosystem Enhancement Act of 2009”*
- [H.R. 1053](#) (Wittman): To require the Office of Management and Budget to prepare a crosscut budget for restoration activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, to require the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement an adaptive management plan, and for other purposes. *“Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2009”*

Calendar:

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Monday 9/7	Tuesday 9/8	Wednesday 9/9	Thursday 9/20	Friday 9/11
		Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM) Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM) Subcommittee on Water and Power Legislative Hearing (2:00 PM)	Full Committee Markup (10:00 AM)	

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