



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 Tuesday, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife** will receive testimony on the following 4 bills:
 - [H.R. 1054](#) (Young): To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.
 - [H.R. 2213](#) (Kind): To reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act.
 - [H.R. 3433](#) (Wittman): To amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act, and for other purposes.
 - [H.R. 3537](#) (Ortiz): To amend and reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994. *“Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Reauthorization Act of 2009”*

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (September 22, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

- Also on Tuesday, the **Subcommittee on Water and Power** will receive testimony on the following 3 bills:
 - [H.R. 3563](#) (Rehberg): To authorize the Crow Tribe of Indians water rights settlement, and for other purposes. *“Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2009”*

- [H.R. 2288](#) (Salazar): To amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023. *“Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Improvement Act of 2009”*
- [H.R. 2316](#) (Baca): To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the State of California, and for other purposes. *“Inland Empire Perchlorate Ground Water Plume Assessment Act of 2009”*

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Quotable Quote:

“For too long, the only way the Interior Department measured success was by the number of acres leased and the number of wells drilled. Whether or not this was being done responsibly, safely, effectively, or with the best interests of the American people at heart was simply an afterthought. The previous Administration granted every wish the oil and gas industry had and what did the Nation get in return? An upsurge in the price of gasoline, increased dependence on foreign oil, a string of ethical scandals and a blind eye toward any environmental responsibility whatsoever; all while the oil and gas industry raked in staggering profits. Doubling down on the mistakes of the last eight years is not the smart way to move forward.”

– Chairman Rahall, during his opening remarks at the first of a two-part Full Committee legislative hearing on the **“Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources (CLEAR) Act of 2009” (H.R. 3534)** on September 16, 2009. The CLEAR Act, introduced last week by Rahall, would make several important changes to current law in an effort to create greater efficiencies, transparency, and accountability in the development of federal energy resources. Visit the Committee's Web site to view the [backgrounder](#), a [section-by-section summary](#), or the [press release](#) for additional information on the bill.

Calendar:

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Monday 9/21	Tuesday 9/22	Wednesday 9/23	Thursday 9/24	Friday 9/25
	Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM) Subcommittee on Water and Power Legislative Hearing (2:00 PM)			

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