



News from the Committee on Natural Resources

Rep. Nick J. Rahall, II - Chairman

1324 Longworth House Office Building - Washington DC, 20515 - <http://resourcescommittee.house.gov>

The Weekly Preview

September 28 – October 2, 2009

This Week's Hearings and Markups:

Can't make it to our hearings or markups in person? Stay connected with our live and archived video and audio webcasts, available at <http://resourcescommittee.house.gov>.

- On Wednesday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will meet in open markup session to consider the following 8 bills:
 - [H.R. 2489](#) (Herseth Sandlin): To authorize a comprehensive national cooperative geospatial imagery mapping program through the United States Geological Survey, to promote use of the program for education, workforce training and development, and applied research, and to support Federal, State, tribal, and local government programs. *"AmericaView Geospatial Imagery Mapping Program Act"*
 - [H.R. 1471](#) (Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.): To expand the boundary of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, to redesignate the unit as a National Historical Park, and for other purposes.
 - [H.R. 2213](#) (Kind): To reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act.
 - [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"*
 - [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. 1065](#) (Kirkpatrick): To resolve water rights claims of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes. *"White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2009"*

- [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”*
- [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”*

Visit the Committee's Web site to view the [markup report](#) following the markup. (September 30, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

- On Thursday, the **Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands** will receive testimony on the following 6 bills:
 - [H.R. 86](#) (Campbell): To eliminate an unused lighthouse reservation, provide management consistency by bringing the rocks and small islands along the coast of Orange County, California, and meet the original Congressional intent of preserving Orange County's rocks and small islands.
 - [H.R. 118](#) (Frelinghuysen): To authorize the addition of 100 acres to Morristown National Historical Park.
 - [H.R. 1925](#) (Hinchey): To designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in Utah for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans. *“America's Red Rock Wilderness Act of 2009”*
 - [H.R. 2689](#) (Periello): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia, as a unit of the National Park System.
 - [H.R. 2781](#) (Schrader): To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.
 - [H.R. 2888](#) (DeFazio): To provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild or recreation rivers. *“Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act of 2009”*

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (October 1, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1334 Longworth House Office Building)

In Case You Missed It:

- This week, the **House of Representatives** approved the following 11 bills under the jurisdiction of the House Natural Resources Committee:
 - [H.R. 324](#) (Grijalva): To establish the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area, and for other purposes. *“Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area Act”*
 - [H.R. 860](#) (Bordallo): To reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes. *“Coral Reef Conservation Act Reauthorization and Enhancement Amendments of 2009”*
 - [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. 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. 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. 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. 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.Res. 599](#) (Ed Markey): Honoring the Minute Man National Historical Park on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.
 - [H.Res. 688](#) (Titus): Expressing support for the goals and ideals of the first annual National Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Day taking place on September 26, 2009.

- [H.Res. 670](#) (Dent): Congratulating and saluting the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary for celebrating its 75th anniversary, commending the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary for its contributions to the preservation of wildlife and the native ecology of the Appalachian Mountains and eastern Pennsylvania, and commending the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary for its dedication to educating the public and the international community about wildlife conservation.

Quotable Quote:

“Illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishermen are ‘free riders’ who benefit unfairly from the sacrifices made by U.S. fishermen and others for the sake of proper fisheries conservation and management. Today's action on this legislation levels the playing field for our fishermen and allows the United States to continue in its role as a leader in fisheries management.”

– *Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Chairwoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU), during floor debate in the U.S. House of Representatives on the “Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2009” (H.R. 1080). The House approved H.R. 1080 on September 22, 2009, by voice vote. Visit the Committee’s Web site to view the [press release](#) with additional information.*

Calendar:

Click on the text within the calendar to be linked directly to our Web site.

Monday 9/28	Tuesday 9/29	Wednesday 9/30	Thursday 10/1	Friday 10/2
		Full Committee Markup (10:00 AM)	Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM)	

To unsubscribe from this newsletter, please send an email to naturalresources.news@mail.house.gov and place “Unsubscribe” in the subject line.