



The Weekly Preview

October 26 – 30, 2009

This Week's Hearings and Markups

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- On Tuesday, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife** will hold an oversight hearing on implementation of the “**Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA) of 2006.**” The Subcommittee will explore the progress made by the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Regional Fishery Management Councils in setting annual catch limits and accountability measures to end overfishing and rebuild overfished fish stocks, as required by the MSFCMA. The hearing will focus on how annual catch limits are set, efforts to improve the type and quality of information that informs management decisions, and successes and challenges of implementing annual catch limits and accountability measures.

The following witnesses are scheduled to testify: Dr. Steven A. Murawski, Director of Scientific Programs and Chief Science Advisor, National Marine Fisheries Service; Mr. Duane Harris, Chairman, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Dr. Andrew B. Cooper, Associate Professor, School of Resource and Environmental Management, Simon Fraser University; Mr. Shawn Stebbins, President and CEO, Archipelago Marine Research Ltd.; Mr. Randy Fisher, Executive Director, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission; Mr. Julian Magras, Chairman of the Board, St. Thomas Fishermen's Association; Captain David T. Goethel, Fishing Vessel Ellen Diane; Herbert P. Moore, Jr., Esq., Gallagher, Briody & Butler; Captain Mark Brown, Fishing Vessel Teaser 2; and Mr. Gregory DiDomenico, Executive Director, Garden State Seafood Association.

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (October 27, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1334 Longworth House Office Building)

- Also on Tuesday, the **Subcommittee on Water and Power** will hold an oversight hearing on “Water Management and Climate Variability: Information

Support at the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and Bureau of Reclamation.” The USGS and the Bureau of Reclamation are responsible for the collection and management of water resource data. The National Research Council recently completed their review of the USGS water management program and has identified specific recommendations for ensuring data integrity and accessibility. The oversight hearing will focus on whether the agencies are collecting the right information and whether it is adequate for use by water managers and the general public.

The following witnesses are scheduled to testify: Dr. Matthew C. Larsen, Deputy Director, Water Resources Division, United States Geological Survey (USGS), Reston, Virginia (Accompanied by Mr. Michael Gabaldon, Director, Technical Resources, Bureau of Reclamation, Washington, D.C.); Dr. Roland C. Steiner, P.E., Member, Committee on Water Resource Activities at USGS, Water Science and Technology Board, National Research Council, The National Academies, Washington, D.C.; Mr. Michael Strobel, Director, National Water and Climate Center, United States Department of Agriculture, Portland, Oregon; Mr. Tony Willardson, Executive Director, Western States Water Council, Midvale, Utah; and Mr. Joseph K. Hoffman, Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac, River Basin, Rockville, Maryland.

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- On Wednesday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will meet in open markup session to consider the following bills:
 - [H.R. 2213](#) (Kind): To reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act.
 - [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, and for other purposes. *“Devil's Staircase Wilderness Act of 2009”*
 - [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, and for other purposes.
 - [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, and for other purposes.

- [H.R. 118](#) (Frelinghuysen): To authorize the addition of 100 acres to Morristown National Historical Park.

Visit the Committee's Web site to view the [markup report](#) following the markup. (October 28, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

Quotable Quote

"Nearly half of the population of the United States lives along our Nation's ocean and Great Lakes coastlines. It is projected that by 2015, our coastal population will reach 165 million. Rising population pressure presents new threats of environmental degradation and heightens the competition for valuable and finite coastal resources."

– Subcommittee Chairwoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU), at an October 20, 2009, Subcommittee hearing on the **"Keep America's Waterfront's Working Act of 2009" (H.R. 2548)** and the **"Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2009" (H.R. 1672)**. Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#), view [archived video](#) of the hearing, or read Subcommittee Chairwoman Bordallo's [opening remarks](#) from the hearing.

Calendar

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Monday 10/26	Tuesday 10/27	Wednesday 10/28	Thursday 10/29	Friday 10/30
	Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM) Subcommittee on Water and Power Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM)	Full Committee Markup (10:00 AM)		

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