



## The Weekly Preview

March 1 – 5, 2010

### *This Week's Hearings and Markups*

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- On Wednesday, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife** will hold an oversight hearing on "Setting the Bar for Accountability: Improving NOAA Fisheries Law Enforcement Programs and Operations." The Subcommittee will examine the implications of a recent Commerce Department Inspector General (IG) report uncovering "systemic, nationwide" issues that are adversely affecting NOAA fishing industry law enforcement. The hearing will include representatives from the Inspector General's office and NOAA Fisheries.

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (March 3, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

- On Thursday, the **Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources** will hold an oversight hearing on "The President's Fiscal Year 2011 budget requests for the Minerals Management Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, the United States Geological Survey (excluding the water resources program), and the USDA Forest Service." The Subcommittee will examine efforts by the Administration to create new jobs in the renewable energy sector, expand efforts in climate science and carbon sequestration, and reform conventional energy programs to maintain the Nation's preeminence in fossil fuel production.

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- Also on Thursday, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife** will hold an oversight hearing on "The President's Fiscal Year 2011 budget request for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)." The

Subcommittee will examine Administration proposals for fisheries and wildlife programs under the jurisdiction of FWS.

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- Later on Thursday, the **Subcommittee on Water and Power** will hold an oversight hearing on "The President's Fiscal Year 2011 budget request for the Power Marketing Administrations, United States Department of Energy." The Subcommittee will review the budget requests for the Southeastern, Southwestern, Western Area, and Bonneville Power Administrations' proposed activities. The Subcommittee will also review the Administration's budget proposals for managing the power marketing authorities, electrical distribution systems, facilities operational programs, and the generation of electricity from Federal power plants across the United States.

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### *In Case You Missed It*

- This week, the **House of Representatives** approved the following bill under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Natural Resources:
  - [H.R. 2314](#) (Abercrombie): To express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity. "*Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2010*"

### *Quotable Quote*

"The history of these United States is replete with glory. From the moment we broke the bonds of tyranny and declared independence to the severe tests we endured to maintain our union of States during the Civil War, to developments in science, medicine, and technology, we as a Nation advanced for the benefit of the entire world. But throughout much of this history, our treatment of indigenous populations has been found wanting. The very policy that the United States advanced toward Native Americans – from destruction, to assimilation, to reservation – were conflicting and did not usually produce favorable results, at least from the perspective of the Native American. Today, we are considering a measure which seeks to rectify a wrong that occurred 117 years ago."

– *Chairman Nick J. Rahall (D-WV), during floor debate in the U.S. House of Representatives on the "Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of*

2010” ([H.R. 2314](#)). The House approved H.R. 2314 on February 23, 2010, by a vote of 245 to 164.

### Calendar

<b>Monday 3/1</b>	<b>Tuesday 3/2</b>	<b>Wednesday 3/3</b>	<b>Thursday 3/4</b>	<b>Friday 3/5</b>
		Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Oversight Hearing (2:00 PM)	Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM)  Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM)  Subcommittee on Water and Power Oversight Hearing (2:00 PM)	

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