



The Weekly Preview

April 26 – 30, 2010

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 "Marine Mammals in Captivity: What Constitutes Meaningful Public Education?" The Marine Mammal Protection Act requires zoos and marine parks that display mammals to offer an education or conservation program based on professionally recognized standards. The Subcommittee will receive testimony on the adequacy of current standards and methods for evaluating such programs.

The following witnesses are scheduled to testify: Eric Schwaab, Assistant Administrator for NOAA's Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Lori Marino, Ph.D., Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology Program, Emory University; Peter Corkeron, Ph.D., Visiting Fellow, Bioacoustics Research Program, Cornell Lab of Ornithology; Paul Boyle, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Conservation and Education, Association of Zoos and Aquariums; Julie Scardina, Curator, SeaWorld Parks and Entertainment; Naomi A. Rose, Ph.D., Senior Scientist, HSI-Wildlife, Humane Society International; Louie Psihoyos, Executive Director, Oceanic Preservation Society & Director, "The Cove"; and Rae Stone, D.V.M., Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums.

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (April 27, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

- Also on Tuesday, the **Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands** will receive testimony on the following bills:
 - [H.R. 2986](#) (Moran): To amend the Act of May 29, 1930 (Chapter 354; 46 Stat. 482; commonly known as the Capper-Cramton Act), to authorize a grant program to preserve resources in the National Capital region, and

for other purposes. *"National Capital Region Land Conservation Act of 2009"*

- [H.R. 3923](#) (Polis): To provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes. *"Sugar Loaf Fire Protection District Land Exchange Act of 2009"*
- [H.R. 3967](#) (Cummings): To amend the National Great Black Americans Commemoration Act of 2004 to authorize appropriations through fiscal year 2015.
- [H.R. 3989](#) (Lummis): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of adding the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, in the State of Wyoming, as a unit of the National Park System. *"Heart Mountain Relocation Center Study Act of 2009"*
- [H.R. 4514](#) (Clay): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes. *"Colonel Charles Young Home Study Act"*
- [H.R. 4686](#) (Sablan): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating prehistoric, historic, and limestone forest sites on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as a unit of the National Park System. *"Rota Cultural and Natural Resources Study Act"*
- [H.R. 4773](#) (Kingston): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, and for other purposes. *"Fort Pulaski National Monument Lease Authorization Act"*

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Quotable Quote

"My thoughts and prayers are with the loved ones of those who were injured and those still missing as a result of this explosion in the Gulf of Mexico. I commend the members of the U.S. Coast Guard and other emergency personnel who responded to this disaster."

–Chairman Nick J. Rahall III (D-WV), on April 22, 2010, after Transocean's semisubmersible drilling rig Deepwater Horizon sank in the Gulf of Mexico, following an explosion that occurred late Tuesday evening. Visit the Committee's Web site to view the [press release](#).

Calendar

Monday 4/26	Tuesday 4/27	Wednesday 4/28	Thursday 4/29	Friday 4/30
	Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM) Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM)			

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