



The Weekly Preview

May 3 – 7, 2010

This Week's Hearings and Markups

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- On Wednesday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will meet in open markup session to consider the following bills:
 - [H.R. 4349](#) (Napolitano): To further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes. *"Hoover Power Allocation Act of 2009"*
 - [H.R. 2889](#) (DeFazio): To modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes. *"Oregon Caves National Monument Boundary Adjustment Act of 2009"*
 - [H.R. 4438](#) (Ciro Rodriguez): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to lease space from a nonprofit group or other government entity for a park headquarters at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, to expand the boundary of the Park, to conduct a study of potential land acquisitions, and for other purposes. *"San Antonio Missions National Historical Park Leasing and Boundary Expansion Act of 2010"*
 - [H.R. 4491](#) (Speier): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, and for other purposes. *"Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act"*
 - [H.R. 4493](#) (Bordallo): To provide for the enhancement of visitor services, fish and wildlife research, and marine and coastal resource management on Guam related to the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, and for other purposes. *"Bonitan Tasi" or "Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Management Enhancement Act of 2010"*

- [H.R. 3511](#) (Sablan): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish and operate a visitor facility to fulfill the purposes of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, and for other purposes. *"Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Visitor Facility Authorization Act of 2009"*
- [H.RES. 1254](#) (Doc Hastings): Directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit to the House of Representatives certain information relating to the Secretary's Treasured Landscape Initiative, potential designation of National Monuments, and High Priority Land-Rationalization Efforts.

Visit the Committee's Web site to view the [markup report](#) following the markup. (May 5, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

- On Thursday, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife** will receive testimony on the following bills:
 - [H.R. 2864](#) (Young): To amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes.
 - [H.R. 3805](#) (Wittman): To amend the Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2005 to extend by 2 years the period for the conduct of the electronic duck stamp pilot program under that Act. *"Electronic Duck Stamp Extension Act of 2009"*
 - [H.R. 4973](#) (Kratovil): To amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize volunteer programs and community partnerships for national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes. *"National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Improvement Act of 2010"*

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (May 6, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

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. 2499](#) (Pierluisi): To provide for a federally sanctioned self-determination process for the people of Puerto Rico. *"Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2009"*

Quotable Quote

“This tragic incident highlights the potential hazards of working with marine mammals in captivity, and I would like to take a moment to express my deepest sympathies to the family, friends, and co-workers—some of whom are joining us here today—of Ms. Brancheau for their loss. The incident also underscores the fact that, despite what many people may think, orcas, dolphins and seals are wild and potentially dangerous animals. These factors must be considered when developing the standards to evaluate and guide the implementation of education and conservation programs at public display facilities.”

– *Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Subcommittee Chairwoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU), at an April 27, 2010, Subcommittee oversight hearing on "Marine Mammals In Captivity: What Constitutes Meaningful Public Education?" Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#), read Subcommittee Chairwoman Bordallo's [opening statement](#), or view [archived video](#) from the hearing.*

Calendar

| Monday 5/3 | Tuesday 5/4 | Wednesday 5/5 | Thursday 5/6 | Friday 5/7 |
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| | | Full Committee Markup (10:00 AM) | Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM) | |

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