



The Weekly Preview

May 24 – 28, 2010

This Week's Hearings and Markups

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- On Tuesday, the **Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands** will hold an oversight hearing on "Building on America's Best Idea: The Next Century of the National Park System." The National Park Service (NPS) will mark its centennial anniversary in 2016. The Subcommittee will receive testimony from Administration officials and several members of the 2nd Century Commission, an independent commission that recently released a report on the future of the NPS. Other witnesses will discuss business partnerships, cultural and historic resource preservation, employee retention, and improved international cooperation.

The following witnesses are scheduled to testify:

- Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director, National Park Service
- The Honorable Vic Fazio, Senior Advisor, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Field, LLP, Washington, D.C.
- Denis Galvis, Former Deputy Director, National Park Service, McLean, VA
- Dr. Steve Lockhart, Chairman of the Board, NatureBridge, San Francisco, CA
- Gretchen Long, Wilson, WY
- Armand Ortega, Ortega's Enterprises, Santa Fe, NM
- Jerry Rogers, Former Associate Director for Cultural Resources, National Park Service, Santa Fe, NM

- Ruth L Pierpont, President, National Council of State Historic Preservation Officers, Waterford, NY
- Holly Rife, Association of National Park Rangers, Sabillasville, MD
- Raymond Wanner, Ph.D., Senior Advisor on UNESCO Issues, United Nations Foundation, Silver Spring, MD

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. *(May 25, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)*

- Also on Tuesday, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife** will receive testimony on the following bill:
 - [H.R. 5284](#) (Bordallo): To amend the Sikes Act to improve natural resources management planning for State-owned facilities used for the national defense, and for other purposes. "*Sikes Act Amendments Act of 2010*"

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- On Wednesday and Thursday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will hold oversight hearings on the "Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Strategy and Implications of the Deepwater Horizon Rig Explosion." As part of the investigation into the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico, the Committee will receive testimony on the tragic disaster in the broader context of what it means for future offshore oil and gas drilling.

The following witnesses are scheduled to testify on Wednesday:

- The Honorable Ken Salazar, Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior
- Rear Admiral Peter V. Neffenger, Deputy National Incident Commander for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Response, U.S. Coast Guard
- Dr. Jane Lubchenco, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce
- Ms. S. Elizabeth Birnbaum, Director, Minerals Management Service, U.S. Department of the Interior

The following witnesses are scheduled to testify on Thursday:

- Mr. Lamar McKay, Chairman and President, BP America, Inc.
- Mr. Steven L. Newman, President and CEO, Transocean Ltd.
- Mr. Randall Luthi, President, National Ocean Industries Association
- Mr. Jack N. Gerard, President and CEO, American Petroleum Institute
- Dr. Michael Hirshfield, Senior Vice President for North America and Chief Scientist, Oceana
- Dr. Michelle Michot Foss, Head of the Center for Energy Economics and Chief Energy Economist, University of Texas

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) from Wednesday or [witness testimony](#) from Thursday following the conclusion of the hearing. (May 26 and May 27, 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 bills under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Natural Resources:
 - [H.R. 2288](#) (Salazar): To amend Public Law 106-392 to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023. *"Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Improvement Act of 2010"*
 - [H.Con.Res. 211](#) (George Miller): Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the East Bay Regional Park District in California, and for other purposes.
 - [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.Res. 1327](#) (Adrian Smith): Honoring the life, achievements, and contributions of Floyd Dominy.

Quotable Quote

“I will ensure that we exercise our oversight responsibilities to the fullest extent. We will vigorously investigate what happened in the Gulf of Mexico, but we will do so in the broader context of what this means for future offshore leasing. The Committee will take a comprehensive look at MMS’s regulations to determine if remedial actions may be necessary to prevent such a tragic disaster from occurring again.”

– Chairman Nick J. Rahall II (D-WV), on May 18, 2010, upon announcing a series of seven oversight hearings to investigate the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion and examine the future of America’s offshore oil and gas policy. Visit the Committee’s Web site to view the [press release](#) for additional information.

Calendar

Monday 5/24	Tuesday 5/25	Wednesday 5/26	Thursday 5/27	Friday 5/28
	Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM) Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM)	Full Committee Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM)	Full Committee Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM)	

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