



The Weekly Preview

June 14 – 18, 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 "Ocean Science and Data Limits in a Time of Crisis: Do NOAA and The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) have the Resources to Respond?" As part of the investigation into the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico, the Subcommittee will receive testimony from representatives of Federal agencies, scientists, and natural resource damage experts on oil spill response and recovery activities in the Gulf of Mexico.

The following witnesses are scheduled to testify:

- David Kennedy, Acting Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- The Honorable Marcia McNutt, Ph.D, Director, U.S. Geological Survey
- Jonathan A. Coddington, PhD., Associate Director for Research and Collections, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution
- Merv Fingas, Ph.D., Committee on Oil in the Sea, National Research Council
- Chris Reddy, Ph.D., Associate Scientist, Director, Coastal Ocean Institute, Woods Hole, MA
- Robert H. Weisberg, Ph.D., Professor, College of Marine Science, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, FL
- Valerie Ann Lee, President, Environment International Ltd., Seattle, WA
- Denise J. Reed, Ph.D., Interim Director, Pontchartrain Institute for

Environmental Sciences, Professor, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA

- Christopher D'Elia, Ph.D., Professor and Dean, School of the Coast and Environment, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (*June 15, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building*)

- On Wednesday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will meet in open markup session to consider the following bills:
 - [H.RES. 1406](#) (Doc Hastings): Directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit to the House of Representatives certain information relating to the potential designation of National Monuments.
 - [H.R. 1554](#) (Boren): To take certain property in McIntosh County, Oklahoma, into trust for the benefit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and for other purposes. "*Fountainhead Property Land Transfer Act*"
 - [H.R. 4445](#) (Heinrich): To amend Public Law 95-232 to repeal a restriction on treating as Indian country certain lands held in trust for Indian pueblos in New Mexico. "*Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Clarification Act*"
 - [H.R. 2340](#) (Don Young): To resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. "*Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act*"
 - [H.R. 3914](#) (Salazar): To designate certain lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan Counties, Colorado, as wilderness, and for other purposes. "*San Juan Mountains Wilderness Act of 2009*"
 - [H.R. 3923](#) (Polis): To provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-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. 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. 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. 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”*
- [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”*
- [H.R. 2864](#) (Don 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.

Visit the Committee’s Web site to view the [markup report](#) following the markup. *(June 16, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)*

- On Thursday, the **Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources** will hold an oversight hearing on "The Deepwater Horizon Incident: Are the Minerals Management Service Regulations Doing The Job?" As part of the investigation into the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico, the Subcommittee will receive testimony on the Minerals Management Service’s current regulations for offshore oil and gas operations and recommendations for strengthening the regulations. In addition, testimony will be heard on allegations of unsafe practices surrounding BP’s deepwater production platform *Atlantis*.

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Longworth House Office Building)

- Also on Thursday, the **Subcommittee on Water and Power** will receive testimony on the following bills:
 - [H.R. 4719](#) (Rodriguez): To establish a Southwest Border Region Water Task Force.
 - [H.R. 5487](#) (Napolitano): To amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes established under that Act. "Water Resources Research Amendments Act of 2010"

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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. 4349](#) (Napolitano): To further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam, and for other purposes. "*Hoover Power Allocation Act*"
 - [H.R. 2008](#) (Matheson): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project. "*Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act*"
 - [H.R. 1061](#) (Dicks): To transfer certain land to the United States to be held in trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, to place land into trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, and for other purposes. "*Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act*"
 - [H.Res. 518](#) (Ros-Lehtinen): Honoring the life of Jacques-Yves Cousteau, explorer, researcher, and pioneer in the field of marine conservation.

Quotable Quote

"While federal scientists confirmed yesterday that there is oil floating beneath the ocean's surface, they still do not know the full scope of the plumes or what their existence means for Gulf ecosystems. The only certainty is that with the still-spewing well head over 5,000 feet deep, and the release of record amounts of oil and

dispersant, the effects of this disaster on the ocean, estuaries, fisheries, wildlife, beaches and the people of the Gulf Coast are going to be felt long after the well has been completely capped.”

– *Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Subcommittee Chairwoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU), at a June 10, 2010, Subcommittee oversight hearing on "Our Natural Resources at Risk: The Short and Long Term Impacts of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill" 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 6/14	Tuesday 6/15	Wednesday 6/16	Thursday 6/17	Friday 6/18
	Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM)	Full Committee Markup (10:00 AM)	Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM) Subcommittee on Water and Power Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM)	

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