



The Weekly Preview

July 26 – 30, 2010

This Week's Hearings and Markups

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- On Tuesday, the **Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife** will receive testimony on the following bills:
 - [H.R. 3850](#) (Kratovil): To provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland, Louisiana, and other coastal States. *"Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2009"*
 - [H.R. 3910](#) (Larsen): To authorize a single fisheries cooperative for the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands longline catcher processor subsector, and for other purposes. *"Longline Catcher Processor Subsector Single Fishery Cooperative Act"*
 - [H.R. 4914](#) (Pallone): To promote coastal jobs creation, promote sustainable fisheries and fishing communities, revitalize waterfronts, and for other purposes. *"Coastal Jobs Creation Act of 2010"*
 - [H.R. 5180](#) (Shea-Porter): To establish an Ombudsman Office within the National Marine Fisheries Service, and for other purposes. *"National Marine Fisheries Service Ombudsman Act of 2010"*
 - [H.R. 5331](#) (Kennedy): To revise the boundaries of John H. Chaffee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in Rhode Island.
 - [H.R. 5380](#) (Hirono): To provide for the expansion of Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge, Hawaii County, Hawaii. *"Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act of 2010"*

- [H.R. 5482](#) (Jones): To direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge. *“Corolla Wild Horses Protection Act”*

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

- On Wednesday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will receive testimony on the following bills:
 - [H.R. 5023](#) (Grijalva): To prescribe procedures for effective consultation and coordination by Federal agencies with federally recognized Indian tribes regarding Federal Government activities that impact tribal lands and interests to ensure that meaningful tribal input is an integral part of the Federal decision-making process. *“Requirements, Expectations, and Standard Procedures for Executive Consultation with Tribes (RESPECT) Act”*
 - [H.R. 4384](#) (Matheson): To establish the Utah Navajo Trust Fund Commission, and for other purposes.
 - [H.R. 5468](#) (McKeon): To take certain Federal lands in Mono County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Bridgeport Indian Colony. *“Bridgeport Indian Colony Land Trust, Health, and Economic Development Act of 2010”*

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- On Thursday, the **Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands** will hold an oversight hearing on “Building Success: Implementation of the Secure Rural Schools Program.” Congress enacted the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 to help rural communities weather the transition away from timber-based economies by providing payments to local governments for schools and roads. In 2008, Congress reauthorized the Act for an additional four years. The Subcommittee will receive testimony on the current extension of the program.

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- Also on Thursday, the **Subcommittee on Water and Power** will hold an oversight hearing on “Investment in Small Hydropower: Prospects of Expanding Low-Impact and Affordable Hydropower Generation in the West.” The hearing will focus on potential growth opportunities for sustainable, low-impact, small hydropower in the West and review the Federal government’s role in facilitating such projects. The Subcommittee will receive testimony on ongoing efforts to move hydropower development forward while addressing efficiencies, financial concerns, and environmental and regulatory obstacles.

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In Case You Missed It

- On July 22, the **Committee on Natural Resources** reported the following bills:
 - [H.R. 4347](#) (Boren): To amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes. *“Department of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act of 2009”*
 - [H.R. 5479](#) (Rahall): To amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to provide for use of excess funds available under that Act to provide for certain benefits, and for other purposes. *“Coal Accountability and Retired Employee (CARE) Act of 2010”*
 - [H.R. 4888](#) (Doc Hastings): To revise the Forest Service Recreation Residence Program as it applies to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain by implementing a simple, equitable, and predictable procedure for determining cabin user fees, and for other purposes. *“Cabin Fee Act of 2010”*
 - [H.R. 4416](#) (George Miller): To reauthorize the Great Ape Conservation Act, and for other purposes. *“Great Ape Conservation Reauthorization Amendments Act of 2010”*
 - [H.R. 3785](#) (David Scott): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of expanding the boundary of Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area. *“Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area Boundary Study Act of 2009”*
 - [H.R. 4195](#) (Farr): To authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

- [H.R. 4823](#) (Kirkpatrick): To establish the Sedona-Red Rock National Scenic Area in the Coconino National Forest, Arizona, and for other purposes. *“Sedona-Red Rock National Scenic Area Act of 2010”*
- [H.R. 5110](#) (Kirkpatrick): To modify the boundary of the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, and for other purposes. *“Casa Grande Ruins National Monument Boundary Modification Act of 2010”*
- [H.R. 5131](#) (Larson): To establish Coltsville National Historical Park in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes. *“Coltsville National Historical Park Act”*
- [H.R. 5388](#) (Heinrich): To expand the boundaries of the Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico.
- [H.R. 5494](#) (Norton): To direct the Director of the National Park Service and the Secretary of the Interior to transfer certain properties to the District of Columbia.
- [H.R. 5152](#) (Gingrey): To adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes. *“Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2010”*
- [H.R. 5194](#) (McKeon): To designate a mountain peak in Southern California as Mt. Andrea Lawrence, and for other purposes. *“Mt. Andrea Lawrence Designation Act of 2010”*
- This week, the **House of Representatives** approved the following bills under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Natural Resources:
 - [H.R. 725](#) (Pastor): To protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings, and for other purposes. *“Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2010”*
 - [S. 1053](#) (Murkowski): A bill to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date.

Quotable Quote

"We need professional, highly trained inspectors who aren't just pushing paper and rubberstamping what the industry tells them but, rather, are out there asking the tough questions and are truly holding these oil companies accountable," said Rahall. "Too often we find MMS is playing around with -- instead of keeping an eye on -- the oil operators they are supposed to be regulating. I know a few bad apples tend to taint the bunch, but the Deepwater Horizon is a perfect example of how there is very little room for error when it comes to the safety of these oil rigs."

– Chairman Nick J. Rahall II (D-WV), on July 15, 2010, after the Committee approved the **"Consolidated Land, Energy, and Aquatic Resources (CLEAR) Act"** ([H.R. 3534](#)). The CLEAR Act would address the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion and would implement reforms to America's federal offshore and onshore oil and gas leasing program. Visit the Committee's Web site to view the [press release](#) for additional information.

Calendar

Monday 7/26	Tuesday 7/27	Wednesday 7/28	Thursday 7/29	Friday 7/30
	Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM)	Full Committee Legislative Hearing (10:00 AM)	Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM) Subcommittee on Water and Power Oversight Hearing (10:00 AM)	

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