



News from the Committee on Natural Resources

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The Weekly Preview

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This Week's Hearings:

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- On Wednesday, the **Committee on Natural Resources** will meet in open markup session to consider [H.R. 3094](#), the "National Park Centennial Fund Act", introduced in July 2007 by National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Subcommittee Chairman Raul M. Grijalva (D-AZ) and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Nick J. Rahall (D-WV). The National Park Service (NPS), which will celebrate its Centennial on August 25, 2016, manages a network of 391 natural, cultural, and recreational sites encompassing 84 million acres and attracting over 270 million visitors each year. H.R. 3094 would establish a National Park Centennial Fund and provide annual mandatory appropriations for 10 years. The legislation would require the Secretary to submit a list of centennial project proposals with the President's budget request each year and requires that the list be developed with input from the public, NPS employees and the Congress.

Visit the Committee's Web site to view the [markup report](#) following the markup. (May 7, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

- On Thursday, the **Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans** will hold a legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following 2 bills:
 - [H.R. 3840](#) (Saxton): To prohibit commercial fishing of Atlantic menhaden for reduction purposes in inland, State, and Federal waters along the Atlantic coast of the United States, and for other purposes. (*Atlantic Menhaden Conservation Act*)
 - [H.R. 3841](#) (Gilchrest): To prohibit the commercial harvesting of Atlantic menhaden for reduction purposes in the coastal waters and the exclusive economic zone.

Visit the Committee's Web site to access [witness testimony](#) following the conclusion of the hearing. (May 8, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., Room 1324 Longworth House Office Building)

- Also on Thursday, the **Subcommittee on Water and Power** will hold a legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following 3 bills:
 - [H.R. 155](#) (Herseth Sandlin): To provide compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River (Lower Brule and Crow Creek Tribal Compensation Act)
 - [H.R. 5511](#) (Lamborn): To direct the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to remedy problems caused by a collapsed drainage tunnel in Leadville, Colorado, and for other purposes (Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Remediation Act of 2008)
 - [H.R. 5710](#) (T. Udall): To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System, and for other purposes (Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System Authorization Act)

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In Case You Missed It:

- On April 29, the **House of Representatives** approved the following 5 bills:
 - [S. 2457](#) (Sen. Lieberman) – A bill to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot tribe.
 - [H.R. 3522](#) (Tom Udall) – To ratify a conveyance of a portion of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation to Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, pursuant to the settlement of litigation between the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Rio Arriba County, State of New Mexico, to authorize issuance of a patent for said lands, and to change the exterior boundary of the Jicarilla Apache Reservation accordingly, and for other purposes.
 - [H.R. 3490](#) (Radanovich) – Tuolumne Me-Wuk Land Transfer Act of 2007.
 - [H. Res. 1043](#) (Fortenberry) – Honoring the life and legacy of Chief Standing Bear, a pioneer in civil rights for Native Americans, on the 100th anniversary of Chief Standing Bear's death.
 - [S. 2739](#) (Sen. Bingaman) – Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008.

Quotable Quotes:

"For too long, abuses took place in the CNMI, and for too long, remedial legislation was held hostage in this body. Let this legislation bring forth a new dawn, a start of a new era, and with a Delegate to this body, let the voices of the people of the CNMI be heard."

– Chairman Nick J. Rahall (D-WV), during floor debate in the U.S. House of Representatives on [S. 2739](#) on April 29, 2008.

Calendar:

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Monday 5/05	Tuesday 5/06	Wednesday 5/07	Thursday 5/08	Friday 5/09
		Full Committee Markup (11:00 AM)	Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans Legislative Hearing on 2 Bills (10:00 AM) Subcommittee on Water and Power Legislative Hearing on 3 Bills (10:00 AM)	

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