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SCHEDULE CHANGE

Hearing on BOEMRE/Coast Guard JIT Report Postponed Until October 13th

WASHINGTON, D.C. – House Natural Resource Committee Chairman Doc Hastings announced today that Thursday's Full Committee oversight hearing on the final report of the BOEMRE/U.S. Coast Guard Joint Investigation Team (JIT) has been rescheduled and confirmed for Thursday, October 13th:

"After the Interior Department and the Coast Guard withdrew JIT investigator witnesses previously committed to testify before the Committee on September 23rd, I clearly stated the expectation that the Committee would hear from the two JIT Co-Chairs selected and appointed by the respective agencies for this important investigation. After direct communication by the Committee, the attendance has been confirmed for both Co-Chairs to testify on October 13th.

"This hearing provides an opportunity to hear directly from the investigators about their onthe-ground work and findings. Just as the Committee heard from the Co-Chairs of the President's own Spill Commission, it's important that we also hear from the Co-Chairs of the official JIT investigative report in order to get the full facts of what occurred."

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