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TO: WESTCAS Membership

FROM: Hicks-Ray Associates

SUBJECT: Chairman Bishop Announces House Republican Subcommittee Assignments for the Natural Resources Committee

The attached press release complements our report of yesterday that highlighted changes in the House Natural Resources Committee including the creation of new Subcommittees and jurisdictions.

Now Chairman Rob Bishop has announced Republican Subcommittee assignments for the 114th Congress including Subcommittee Chairs and Vice Chairs. You might want to scan this list to see if one of your Members will be serving. We will update you when the Democrats make their Subcommittee choices.

Many WESTCAS Members will not be familiar with Representative John Fleming who will be chairing the new Subcommittee on Water, Power, and Oceans. Dr. Fleming is an MD who represents a District in Louisiana. He was formerly Chair of the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs. It was this Subcommittee that originated the two legislative exceptions to the Lacey Act that were passed in 2012 and 2014 by the 113th Congress.

We have great respect for Dr. Fleming and believe he will do a first rate job in his new Subcommittee assignment.