



SUBCOMMITTEE ON
WATER, POWER & OCEANS
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

114TH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Under Chairman John Fleming (R-LA), the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans worked towards enhancing water and power supplies and electricity reliability, reducing litigation and providing water certainty for tribal and non-tribal communities, eliminating conflicting federal requirements, promoting fishing access in domestic and international waters, instilling federal transparency and accountability, empowering states, and providing oversight of federal regulations and proposals that threaten American jobs, water and electricity rates and economic growth. The subcommittee's efforts laid the foundation for the first significant update to federal western water policy in decades signed into law and passage of historic Indian water rights settlement agreements.

BY THE NUMBERS:

- 11 Legislative Hearings
- 10 Oversight Hearings
- 2 Full Committee Oversight Field Hearings
- 1 Site Visit

KEY OVERSIGHT:

Enhancing Water Power Supplies and Electricity Reliability: Conducted oversight and passed legislation on the need to protect and promote more water storage and hydropower, and provide accountability and timely decision-making related to electricity transmission and distribution lines on federal lands

Conflicting Regulatory Requirements: Held a series of hearings to expose conflicting federal requirements that restrict fish population control efforts and predation by invasive species in river systems in the West

KEY LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

S. 612: Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act – *signed into law*

Legislation providing the first significant update to federal water policy in decades, expanding water storage and delivery across the West, and approving of long-standing water settlement agreements for the benefit of taxpayers and Native Americans

H.R. 6452: Ensuring Access to Pacific Fisheries Act – *signed into law*

Bipartisan legislation implementing the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, and the amendments to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries

H.R. 4582: Save Our Salmon Act – *signed into law*

Bipartisan legislation excluding striped bass from the fish doubling requirement and other provisions of the Central Valley Improvement Act to eliminate the ongoing federal conflict between protecting invasive striped bass and native endangered salmon in California

H.R. 2898: Western Water and American Food Security Act of 2015 – *passed House*

Legislation addressing the underlying policy failures that are contributing to increasingly severe drought conditions in communities in California and across the West

H.R. 2358: Electricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act – *passed House*

Legislation improving the safety and reliability of the electric grid on federal lands, and reducing the threat of catastrophic wildfires and costly electricity blackouts

H.R. 1335: Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Reauthorization and Modernization – *passed House*

Bipartisan legislation improving the conservation and management of U.S. fishery resources to support a more robust domestic seafood industry and create jobs in regions across the country

H.R. 3070: EEZ Transit Zone Clarification and Access Act – *passed House*

Legislation clarifying regulatory confusion in fishery management between state and federal waters around the Block Island Sound near Long Island, New York

H.R. 1107: Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act – *passed Committee*

Legislation requiring the Secretary of the Interior to publish reports detailing specific repairs and rehabilitation needs at Bureau of Reclamation facilities