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RAHALL WV FISH HATCHERY PROJECT CLEARS HOUSE ~~AGAIN~~

For 3rd TIME

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The U.S. House of Representatives for the third time since mid-June has passed U.S. Rep. Nick J. Rahall's (D-WV) legislation to establish a new fish hatchery in southern West Virginia that would use water from an abandoned coal mine.

Rahall has tacked a provision authorizing the project onto three different bills. On June 14th, the House passed the hatchery measure as part of a water resources bill while on July 10th, the House approved the provision came as part of a Rahall sponsored measure to provide for the remining and reclamation of abandoned coal mine lands.

Under the legislation, \$2.5 million would be authorized for the necessary studies and construction costs to build the project which is proposed for McDowell County. The hatchery would be undertaken by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in consultation with the State of West Virginia. The bill passed today, H.R. 3338, started out pertaining solely to a fish hatchery in South Carolina.

"Let it suffice to say that I am deeply committed to seeing this project become a reality," Rahall observed.

All three bills containing the hatchery provision--H.R. 2567, the "Reclamation Authorization and Adjustments Act," H.R. 4053, the "Coalfield Environment Enhancement Act of 1990," and H.R. 3338 are now pending before the Senate.

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