

Rep. Huffman elected as Democratic Leader of the Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries Subcommittee

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Recently, the Democratic members of the House Committee on Natural Resources elected Congressman Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) to serve as the Ranking Member of the Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries Subcommittee. Rep. Huffman previously served as the Chair of the formerly titled Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee in the 116th and 117th Congresses when Democrats held the House majority.

“I’m honored to be elected as Ranking Member for the Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries Subcommittee as we continue our critical work tackle some of the most challenging conservation policy problems of our time,” said Rep. Huffman. “Over the past four years, we have done extraordinary work to improve the health of our oceans and economy of our coastal communities, respond to the threat of climate change on water supplies, and advance smart solutions to natural resources challenges. In the 118th Congress, I will use every tool at our disposal to not only build on that progress but push back against Republican attempts to dismantle the great work we’ve done. Democrats will remain laser focused on addressing the increasingly dire impacts of our changing climate and ensuring environmental equity for all communities.”

The Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries Subcommittee is responsible for overseeing the agencies that manage America's water resources, hydropower development, and federal transmission lines. Democrats on the subcommittee are committed to managing, developing, and improving America's water supply in an environmentally and economically sound manner. Democrats are also dedicated to developing our domestic energy resources by promoting affordable, environmentally-sustainable hydroelectricity.

The Subcommittee is also charged with developing and overseeing the implementation of laws managing domestic and international fisheries and other marine resources. The United States has made great strides in making fisheries more economically and environmentally sustainable, as well as in protecting vulnerable ocean ecosystems and species like sharks, whales, and coral. Much remains to be done, however, particularly in light of the threats climate change poses to our oceans and coasts.

Congressman Jared Huffman represents California's 2nd Congressional District, which spans the North Coast of the state from the Golden Gate Bridge to the Oregon border, and includes Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt, Trinity, and Del Norte counties.

He currently serves on the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. In the 118th Congress, he serves as Ranking Member of the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries. He is the founder of the Congressional Freethought Caucus.