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PRESS RELEASE

WWF PRAISES “AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ACT” AS MAJOR FIRST STEP TOWARD STRONG CLIMATE BILL

Legislation Introduced Just Days After Earth Hour, when Millions of American’s Called for Action on Climate Change by Turning off their Lights

WASHINGTON, DC, March 31, 2009 – Dr. Richard H. Moss, vice president for climate change at World Wildlife Fund, today offered praise for the “American Clean Energy and Security Act” – a draft energy and climate change bill written by House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman (D-CA) and Energy and Environment Subcommittee Chairman Edward Markey (D-MA). Moss issued the following statement:

“The American Clean Energy and Security Act, released today in draft form by Chairmen Waxman and Markey, is a major first step toward a strong cap and trade bill that will cut emissions, jumpstart a new clean energy economy, and strengthen the ability of the Obama administration to negotiate a fair and effective global climate deal this December in Copenhagen. This is a strong draft bill that addresses the key elements of a global solution to the climate crisis. We look forward to working with the Chairmen to make it even stronger prior to formal introduction.

“The discussion draft recognizes the need to substantially reduce greenhouse gases and provides a path towards achieving those reductions that is based on a clean, more energy efficient economy that will create jobs and strengthen our nation’s energy security.

“I am particularly pleased that the draft bill recognizes the need to reduce emissions globally by promoting clean technology cooperation and providing incentives for reducing tropical deforestation. Emissions associated with the destruction of forests account for roughly 20 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions each year – more than the combined emissions of every automobile, train and plane on the planet.

“The draft bill also acknowledges the urgent need to prepare for and adapt to climate change impacts, both here at home and in the world’s most vulnerable countries. Sustainable financing will be needed to support these key priorities, and we look forward to working with Chairmen Waxman and Markey and

other members of the Committee to ensure that such financing is included in the bill when it is introduced.

“This past Saturday, millions of Americans joined with people from every corner of the planet in casting a decisive vote for action on climate change by turning off their lights for Earth Hour. As hundreds of cities and towns as well as major iconic landmarks went dark across the U.S., a strong message was sent to our leaders in Washington that the American people are demanding action to address the climate crisis.

“I commend Chairman Waxman and Chairman Markey for their strong leadership on this critical issue and I look forward to working with them, other members of the Committee, congressional leadership and the Obama administration to forge a strong, fair and effective bill to combat climate change and build a clean energy future.”

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