The Arkansas Legislative Sportsmen’s Caucus was one of the original 21 legislative sportsmen’s caucuses to organize under the National Assembly of Sportsmen’s Caucuses (NASC) in 2004. Since that time, the Caucus has championed legislation that benefits Arkansas’s sportsmen and women, as well as the Natural State’s natural resources. In addition, the Caucus has played a central role in assisting CSF with generating support from the Arkansas Congressional delegation on important federal legislation that benefits our natural resources and our outdoor heritage in Arkansas and across the nation.

Since organizing as a caucus in 2004, nearly every member of the Arkansas legislature has been a member of the Caucus. While the Arkansas Caucus has always had a presence at the NASC annual meeting, they are looking forward to hosting the 18th Annual NASC Sportsman-Legislator Summit in Little Rock in December of 2021.

Policy Highlights

- 2010 – Right to Hunt and Fish Constitutional Amendment, championed by Arkansas Caucus members, was approved by the people of Arkansas.
- 2019 – Passed a trout permit fee increase to provide more funding to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission trout program to benefit hatcheries and habitat.
- 2021 – Passed a bill that allows for hunter education to be taught in the Arkansas public school system.

Economic Impact and Conservation Funding

- The Natural State’s 696,000 hunters and anglers spend $1.55 billion and support 25,393 jobs annually while generating $163 million in state and local taxes.
- In 2020, Arkansas’ sportsmen and women generated $42.04 million through the American System of Conservation Funding to support conservation efforts in the state.