The Illinois 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 Illinois’ sportsmen and women, as well as the Prairie State’s natural resources. In addition, the Caucus has played a central role in assisting CSF with generating support from the Illinois Congressional delegation on important federal legislation that benefits our natural resources and our outdoor heritage in Illinois and across the nation.

Guided by bipartisan leadership, the Caucus remains engaged in issues that affect the nation’s original conservationists by protecting and advancing hunting, angling, recreational shooting, and trapping within the Prairie State. For more information on the Caucus, visit the Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation’s website at https://congressionalsportsmen.org/state/il.

**Policy Highlights**

- The IL Caucus supported the development of the World Shooting and Recreation Complex near Sparta, IL.
- 2019 – HB3623 expanded apprentice and youth hunting opportunities across the state.
- 2019–HB3462 allowed school districts to offer a Hunters Safety Course as part of its curriculum or after the school day.

**Economic Impact and Conservation Funding**

- The Prairie State’s 1,309,000 hunters and anglers spend $2.34 billion and support 31,597 jobs annually while generating $277 million in state and local taxes.
- In 2020, Illinois’ sportsmen and women generated $57.28 million through the American System of Conservation Funding to support conservation efforts in the state.