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

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

Policy Highlights

- 2010 – After passage in consecutive legislative sessions (per state requirements) and approval from 63% of Iowa’s voting public, the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund was officially created.
- 2011 – SB 464 allowed the state’s first dove hunting season since 1918.
- 2020 – SB 280 amended the definition of a resident to expand hunting and angling opportunities for members of the armed forces, and their spouses, stationed in Iowa or at a military installation that is contiguous to a county in Iowa while the member is living in Iowa.

Economic Impact and Conservation Funding

- The Hawkeye State’s 598,000 hunters and anglers spend $779 million and support 11,549 jobs annually while generating $77 million in state and local taxes.
- In 2020, Iowa’s sportsmen and women generated $42.18 million through the American System of Conservation Funding to support conservation efforts in the state.