The Maine Legislative Sportsmen’s Caucus was officially launched in early April of 2013 and was the 41st caucus to join the National Assembly of Sportsmen’s Caucuses. Presently, the Caucus is Co-Chaired by Senators Troy Jackson and Trey Stewart. Currently, the Caucus is composed of 22 members, including the Co-Chairs. Since its inaugural year, the Caucus has consistently driven efforts toward the protection of hunting, fishing, recreational shooting, and trapping in the state of Maine. Historically, the Caucus has hosted numerous policy luncheons, which serve as ideal opportunities for the members to discuss high-priority sportsmen-related bills that are on the legislature’s docket. The Caucus’ efforts are aided by the Maine Sportsmen’s Advisory Council, which consists of ten key partners from numerous in-state and national conservation organizations, Maine sportsmen’s groups, and the outdoor sports industry.

### Policy Highlights
- Over its tenure, the Caucus has spearheaded efforts to enact numerous pro-sportsmen’s policies including: the permitting of hunting with firearms suppressors; an expansion on the use of crossbows during the hunting seasons; authorizing the discharge of a firearm on a sport shooting range that is within a certain distance of a building, if the sport shooting range was established and in regular operation prior to the erection of the building; and, working for an earlier opening of sporting camps during the COVID-19 shutdown.
- The Caucus has worked to fight and kill restrictive legislation, such as a prohibitive magazine capacity and a ban on traditional bear hunting methods.

### Economic Impact and Conservation Funding
- Hunters and anglers support more jobs in Maine than Hannaford Bros. Co, the state’s largest employer (10,387 vs. approx. 8,000 total employees)
- Maine’s sportsmen and women support $321 million in salaries and wages, $72 million in federal taxes, and $71 million in state and local taxes.