In 2004, New Mexico Legislative Sportsmen’s Caucus (NMLSC) joined the National Assembly of Sportsmen’s Caucuses (NASC), a bipartisan and bicameral group of state legislators committed to protecting and advancing hunting, angling, trapping, and recreational shooting. New Mexico has remained committed to NASC for many years dating back to 2015, with State Representative Bill Rehm currently serving on the Executive Council. Since its inception, NMLSC has continued to have a collaborative relationship with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish and their sportsmen and women constituents. NMLSC often looks to its sporting community constituents for guidance on key issues sportsmen and women are facing in the Land of Enchantment. In both 2010 and 2017, New Mexico hosted the Annual NASC Executive Council Meeting at the Soaring Eagle Lodge in Navajo Dam.

Policy Highlights

- In 2006, New Mexico passed legislation banning internet hunting and strengthening hunter recruitment.
- In 2021, SB 224 would have made it illegal for children under 12 years of age to access or handle a firearm, but it failed to reach the Governor’s desk before end of session.
- Despite strong opposition from both the Caucus and outdoor sporting community, SB 32 which banned trapping on public lands in the state was enacted at the end of the 2021 session.

Economic Impact and Conservation Funding

- In 2020, New Mexico’s sportsmen and women generated $40.22 million through the American System of Conservation Funding to support the conservation efforts.
- New Mexico’s hunters and anglers support over 7,695 jobs and generate over $114 million in taxes.

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