In 2014, the Wyoming Legislative Sportsmen’s Caucus (WLSC) 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. Since inception, the WLSC has continued to work for benefit of conservation and Wyoming’s sporting community by advocating for pro-sportsmen’s policy in Cheyenne.

WLSC continues to maintain a collaborative relationship with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and their sportsmen and women constituents by working on issues like public land access, and sportsmen recruitment, retention and reactivation. Before becoming an official member of NASC, Wyoming hosted the 2006 Annual NASC Executive Council meeting at the Mooncrest Ranch in Cody, Wyoming.

Policy Highlights

- In 2012, Wyoming passed SJR 1 and amended the state constitution to protect the right to hunt, fish and trap with more than 80% of the vote in the general election.
- In 2016, Former Governor’s Sportsmen’s Caucus (GSC) Vice Chair Governor Matt Mead implemented the Open Ranges Initiative which addressed concerns about the availability of places to shoot and leveraged resources to facilitate locally led partnerships that increase access to public shooting ranges.
- In 2021, GSC Member Governor Gordon enacted HB 122, increased the conservation stamp fee to fund improved wildlife conservation efforts while also expanding public land access and opportunities.

Economic Impact and Conservation Funding

- In 2020, Wyoming’s sportsmen and women generated $48.96 million through the American System of Conservation Funding to support conservation efforts.
- Wyoming’s hunters and anglers support over 13,943 jobs and generate over $143 million in taxes.