The Delaware Legislative Sportmen’s Caucus was formed in 2015 and became the 48th state to join the National Assembly of Sportmen’s Caucuses. The Caucus hit the ground running, and in short order secured a number of key victories for sportsmen and women in the state, including authorizing the use of straight-walled cartridges for deer hunting, and overturning the state’s previous ban on hunting on Sundays. The Delaware Caucus is presently comprised of 20 members and is Co-Chaired by Senators Bruce Ennis and Brian Pettyjohn, and Representatives Jeff Spiegelman and William Carson, Jr. One of the more active Caucuses in the northeast region, the Caucus hosts regular policy meetings while the legislature is in session which are open to the public.

**Policy Highlights**

- Recent and notable efforts by the Caucus include the authorization of Sunday hunting, the authorization of pistol caliber rifles for deer, and successfully safeguarding access and opportunities for hunters and anglers during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Additionally, the Caucus is actively working on issues such as deer management, expanded turkey hunting for youth, and more.

**Economic Impact and Conservation Funding**

- Sportsmen and women spent $150 million on hunting and fishing in Delaware in 2011 - that is more than the state's revenues from corn, the second highest grossing agricultural commodity in the state that year ($150 million vs. $117.1 million).
- Through the "user pays - public benefits" American System of Conservation Funding Delaware sportsmen and women generated over $10 million for conservation last year alone.