



Yesterday's Achievements Tomorrow's Aspirations





Ten years ago, a dedicated and passionate group of sportsmen and women formed the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC) to protect and advance our outdoor traditions of hunting, angling, recreational shooting and trapping in state capitals across the United States. With the support of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF), NASC has continued to grow since its inception and is now the largest, most effective network of pro-sportsmen legislators in the nation.

In 2013, CSF held the 10th Annual NASC Sportsman-Legislator Summit in Whittington, Illinois. The Summit was one of the most widely attended in history, with 40 states represented, and provided participants a unique forum to exchange ideas and strategies on how best to protect and advance our nation's sportsmen's heritage.

Coinciding with the 10th Anniversary of NASC is the 25th Anniversary of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation and Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus (CSC), as well as the 5th Anniversary of the Governors Sportsmen's Caucus (GSC). The success of these caucuses working alongside CSF is self-evident: the CSC has grown to nearly 300 members of Congress, the GSC recently welcomed its 29th member, a lieutenant governor, and NASC has grown to 44 state sportsmen's caucuses collectively comprised of over 2,000 state legislators. Never in history have America's sportsmen and women had such an organized and passionate group of bipartisan elected officials at both the federal and state levels advocating for their interests in the political arena.

Highlighted in this report are some of the many legislative accomplishments and conservation victories that NASC has achieved on behalf of America's sportsmen and women during its ten year history. While we are proud of these achievements, there remain many challenges ahead. On behalf of CSF, the NASC Executive Council, and the unique network of legislators within the various caucuses, we look forward to a bright future of protecting and advancing our sportsmen's heritage in the halls of state government.

Sincerely,

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President
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation

State Senator Robin Webb (KY)
President, Executive Council
National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses



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ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS



2004

Current Leadership:
Sen. Jonathan Dismang
Sen. Bruce Maloch
Rep. Jonathan Barnett
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw

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FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS



2004

Current Leadership:
Sen. Thad Altman
Rep. Doug Holder

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IOWA LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS



2004

Current Leadership:
Sen. David Johnson
Sen. Dick Dearden
Rep. Steven Olson
Rep. Scott Ourth

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MINNESOTA LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS



2004

Current Leadership:
Sen. Tom Saxhaug
Rep. Joe Hoppe

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NEW YORK LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS

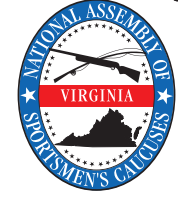


2004

Current Leadership:
Sen. Greg Ball
Sen. David Valesky
Assem. Steve McLaughlin
Assem. Aileen Gunther

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VIRGINIA LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS



2004

Current Leadership:
Sen. Emmett Hanger
Del. Scott Lingamfelter

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CALIFORNIA OUTDOOR SPORTING CAUCUS



2004

Current Leadership:
Sen. Jean Fuller
Sen. Cathleen Galgiani
Asm. Brian Dahle
Asm. Jim Frazier

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GEORGIA LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS



2004

Current Leadership:
Sen. Bill Heath
Rep. David Knight

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LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS



2004

Current Leadership:
Sen. Sherri Smith Bugginton
Sen. Francis Thompson
Rep. Clay Shexnayder
Rep. Karen St. Germain

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NEBRASKA LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S FORUM



2004

Current Leadership:
Sen. Ken Schilz

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TENNESSEE LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS



2004

Current Leadership:
Sen. Mike Bell

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Joined NASC in 2004

COLORADO LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS



2004

Current Leadership:
Sen. Lois Tochtrop
Rep. Jim Wilson

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IDAHO LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS



2004

Current Leadership:
Sen. Lee Heider
Sen. Michelle Stennett
Rep. Donna Pence
Rep. Richard Wills

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sportsmenslink.org/state/ID

MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS



2004

Current Leadership:
Sen. John Astle
Sen. George Edwards
Del. Wendell Beitzel
Del. Michael Weir, Jr.

Read more:
sportsmenslink.org/state/MD

NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS



2004

Current Leadership:
Sen. Steve Neville
Rep. Candy Ezzell
Rep. Bill Rehm
Rep. George Dodge

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sportsmenslink.org/state/NM

TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS



2004

Current Leadership:
Sen. Kel Seliger

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CONNECTICUT LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS



2004

Current Leadership:
Sen. Anthony Guglielmo
Sen. Steve Cassano
Rep. Craig Miner
Rep. Linda Orange

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ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS



2004

Current Leadership:
Sen. Dave Luechtefeld
Rep. Mike Bost
Rep. Brandon Phelps
Rep. Pat Verschoore

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MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS



2004

Current Leadership:
Sen. Jim Ananich
Sen. Mike Green
Rep. Jon Bumstead
Rep. Terry Brown

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MISSOURI SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS



2004

Current Leadership:
Sen. Jason Holzman
Sen. Mike Kehoe
Rep. Linda Black
Rep. Eric Burlison

Read more:
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PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS



2004

Current Leadership:
Sen. Richard Alloway
Sen. Mike Brubaker
Rep. Marc Gergely
Rep. Tommy Sankey

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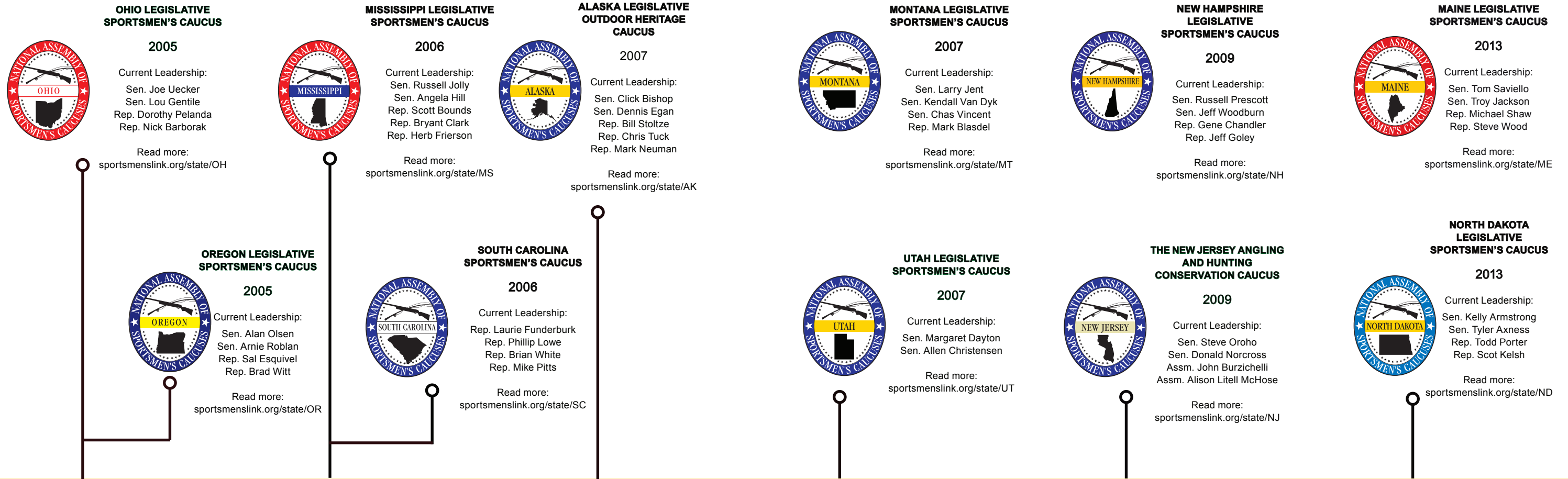
KENTUCKY LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS



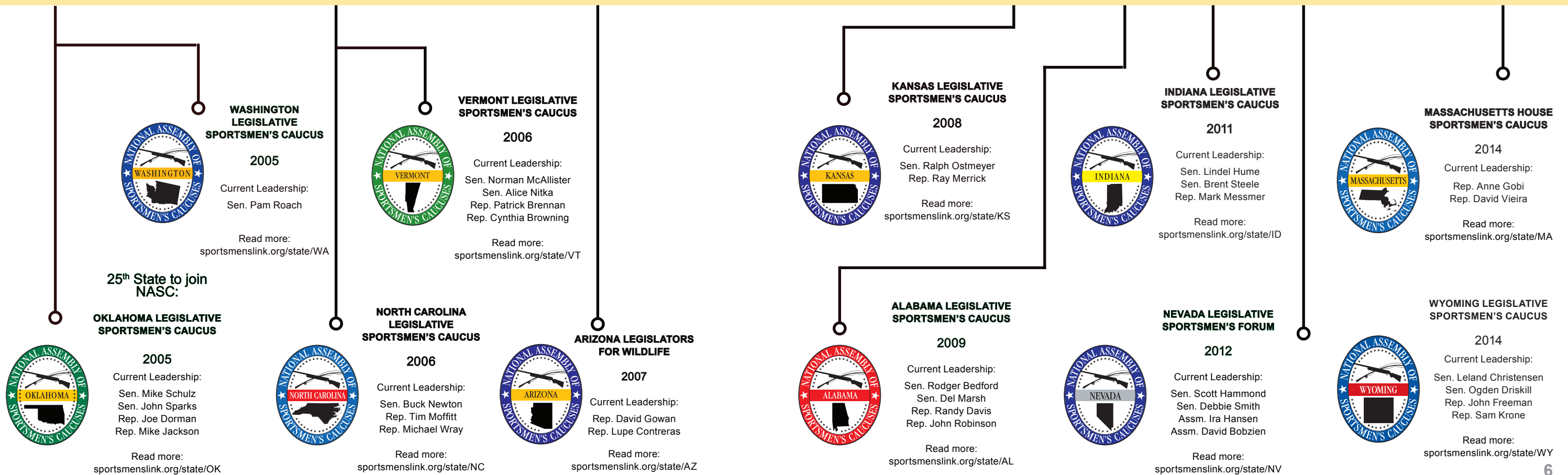
2005

Current Leadership:
Sen. Robin Webb
Sen. Paul Hornback
Rep. Johnny Bell
Rep. Tommy Turner

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sportsmenslink.org/state/KY



2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2011 2012 2013 2014





YESTERDAY'S ACHIEVEMENTS

NASC Formation

In 2004, NASC was formed at the 1st Annual NASC Sportsman-Legislator Summit held in Whitney, Texas. With the birth of NASC, sportsmen and women finally have a network of state caucuses working together, sharing information, and creating pro-sportsmen's legislation.

"The benefit of having sportsmen's caucuses in state capitols has never been more obvious. Sharing information and ideas has led to an incomparable force in state governments around the country, one that is focused on passing pro-sportsmen's legislation and defeating attacks from the anti-hunting lobby."

Sen. John Astle (MD), Maryland State Caucus Co-Chair and 1st NASC Executive Council President

2005: No-Net-Loss Catches On

After the introduction of this legislation in Illinois and the sharing of this idea at the NASC kick-off in December 2004, both Arkansas and Maryland successfully advanced the issue in their 2005 legislative sessions. Mississippi and Florida followed suit the next year.

2007: Anti-Bear Hunting and Trapping Legislation Defeated in Maryland

The Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus successfully warded off anti-sportsmen legislation that would have banned bear hunting and trapping in the state.

2008: First Sales Tax Holiday on Outdoor Gear Established

Legislation in South Carolina created the first sales tax holiday dedicated specifically to outdoor gear such as firearms. This holiday occurred for the first time in December 2008 as gun sales soared (650% increase in one day), resulting in a huge stimulus to the local firearms retailers of South Carolina.

2008: More Lands Opened to Hunting

No-Net-Loss legislation passed in several states which ensured more than eight million acres will remain open to hunting forever. As of 2013, more than 15 states have passed No-Net-Loss legislation that prevents state lands open to hunting and angling from being closed without an equal amount of suitable lands becoming available for hunting and angling access.

2009: Right to Hunt, Fish and Trap Protected in Two States

Tennessee added a provision to their state constitution which established a constitutional right to hunt, fish, trap and harvest wildlife. Arkansas passed the resolution that added the provision to the 2010 ballot, which then passed by popular vote.

2009: Advancing Hunter Recruitment Programs

Several NASC caucuses worked to pass legislation to expand the recruitment of new hunters through the adoption of apprentice hunting license programs and college student hunting licenses.

2011: Lead Bans Defeated in Several Northeast States

Working with legislative sportsmen's caucuses in Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Vermont, as well as several partner organizations, CSF's States Program Team helped prevent further restrictions on lead fishing tackle from moving forward in the Northeast.



2005: Remote Hunting Ban Passes in Tennessee and Virginia

Remote Hunting is the act of taking wildlife with the simple click of a mouse over the internet, and it clearly violates every aspect of the fair chase ethic that we as outdoorsmen have abided by throughout our hunting heritage. Two states, Tennessee and Virginia, successfully passed this legislation in 2005. Since then, nearly every state in the nation has banned this practice.

2005: Youth Hunting Advanced in Virginia

Sportsmen and women have a strong desire to encourage younger generations to be active in the outdoors. In 2005, Virginia passed legislation which furthered the goal by reducing youth license fees, decreasing the minimum age to hunt and promoting organized "Youth Hunts."

2007: Apprentice Hunting Legislation Passes in Multiple States

Allowing new or novice hunters, who have yet to pass hunter education courses, the chance to purchase an apprentice hunting license and hunt under the direct supervision of a licensed hunter is crucial to providing them with hands on experience and an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. Legislation expanding these opportunities passed in multiple states including Oklahoma, Oregon, Minnesota and Washington in 2007.

2007: Arkansas Encourages Open Land

Arkansas passed legislation (HB 2324) introduced by former NASC Executive Council member Sen. Ruth Whitaker and Rep. Mike Burris, which encouraged landowners to open land to the public by limiting their liability.

2008: Bullet Serialization Legislation Defeated

NASC legislators played a fundamental role in defeating anti-gun bullet serialization legislation in all 12 sportsmen's caucus states where legislation was introduced.

2009: Second Amendment Tax Holiday Established

SB 52 passed in Louisiana, creating an annual three day period of time in which state and local sales and use tax shall not apply to consumer purchases of firearms, ammunition, and hunting supplies. In 2013, the holiday occurred between September 6-8.

2011: Species Important to Game Fish Populations Protected

The state legislative sportsmen's caucuses in both New Hampshire and Maryland worked with CSF staff to write and submit formal written comments to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) on the Menhaden decline and the potential harm to game fish populations that may result.

At their November meeting, the ASMFC voted to take measures which could potentially reduce the harvest of this important forage fish by up to 37% beginning in 2013.

2011: Conservation Funding Protected in New York

During the 2011 legislative session, New York was in danger of losing approximately \$20 million in federal funds from the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program due to a clause in the budget that would allow revenue from license sales to be swept from the Conservation Fund to cover budget deficits elsewhere. CSF States Program Team staff worked with the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and leaders of the New York Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus to resolve the issue. The investments of New York's sportsmen and women in conservation were protected.

2011: Right to Hunt and Fish Amendment Enacted in Kentucky

Kentucky successfully passed the Constitutional amendment, guaranteeing their citizens the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife.

2011: Iowa Lead Bans Denied

A proposal was put forth by the Iowa DNR Commission that would prohibit lead ammunition on all state lands. Working with the Iowa Caucus leadership and Gov. Branstad's office, CSF was able to ensure the proposal died.

2011: Iowa Dove Season Created

After 10 years of work led by Iowa Sportsmen's Caucus Co-Chair Sen. Dick Dearden, SB 464 passed to create the first dove hunting season since 1918.

2011: South Carolina Enacts Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact Act

South Carolina joined a growing list of participating states to enact the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact Act and provides that the Department of Natural Resources execute and implement the provisions in cooperation with other compact states.

2012: Minnesota Creates First Wolf Hunting Season

On May 3, Gov. Mark Dayton signed into law HF 2171, a game and fish omnibus bill sponsored by Minnesota Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus member Tom Hackbarth, which included authorization for Minnesota's first Wolf hunting season, as well as a much needed increase in angling and hunting license fees. With about 3,000 gray wolves in the state, Minnesota has the largest population of wolves in the continental U.S. and twice the number needed to declare the species "recovered" by the federal wolf recovery plan under the Endangered Species Act. Delisted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in January 2012, Minnesota's wolf population is now managed by the Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources.

2012: South Carolina Passes Resolution on Coastal Marine Spatial Planning

As a result of the presentation on National Ocean Policy and the associated Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning efforts at the Annual NASC Sportsman-Legislator Summit, South Carolina introduced and subsequently passed a concurrent resolution (HCR 4703) to oppose and refuse to recognize or enforce the coastal and marine spatial planning plans created in South Carolina pursuant to the authority of the National Ocean Council. This resolution was sponsored by Rep. Mike Pitts, NASC President at the time.

2012: Arizona Passes Bill to Allow Firearms Carry During Archery Hunting

Introduced by Arizona Legislators for Wildlife members, HB 2427's passage now allows bow hunter to better protect themselves while afield by giving them the legal authority to carry a sidearm during archery season.

2012: Lead Sinker Restrictions Defeated in New Hampshire and Washington

In January, legislation was introduced in Washington (HB 2214) which would prohibit the sale or purchase of lead angling equipment components. CSF worked with the Washington Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus and partners in the sportsmen's community to educate legislators and others on the issue. The bill was eventually removed from the Committee's calendar.

CSF and the New Hampshire Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus were also successful in preventing the expansion of restrictions on lead fishing tackle in New Hampshire. SB 224 would have redefined restricted lead tackle to include all sinkers weighing one ounce or less and all jigs measuring less than 2.5 inches long (including skirted jigs).

2011

2012



2012: GSC Co-Chair Rescinds Ban on Traditional Ammunition

Following passage of SB 464 in 2011, the Iowa DNR Commission decided to ban lead ammunition for the harvest of doves, despite the legislature rejecting an amendment to SB 464 that would have done the same thing. After the legislature failed to address the ban during the 2012 legislative session, GSC Co-Chair Gov. Branstad issued an executive order that permanently rescinded the Commission's rule banning traditional ammunition for dove hunting.

2012: Pennsylvania Adds Multi-Year Licenses to Angling Retention Tools

Legislation (SB 1049) co-sponsored by both Senate Chairs of the Pennsylvania Legislative Sportsmen's Caucuses, as well as many others Caucus members, was signed into law, allowing the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to sell multi-year angling licenses to increase retention and participation among the Pennsylvania angling community.

2012: Alaska Stream Access Expanded

Alaska legislation (HB 144) highlighting the importance of freshwater angling access was signed into law by Governor Sean Parnell of the Governors Sportsmen's Caucus. The new law went into effect on July 23, 2012. HB 144, which requires the Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources, working with the Dept. of Fish and Game, to produce an annual report detailing the Department's efforts to maintain or enhance public access to fishable streams over the course of the previous year.

2012: Youth Hunt Protected in New York

The New York Sportsmen's Advisory Council, working alongside CSF, was successful in urging the Governor to veto Assembly Bill 10583A, which would have made it impossible for the Dept. of Environmental Conservation to hold the youth firearms deer hunt, and valuable recruitment and retention tool.



2012: Apprentice Hunting Expanded in New Hampshire

The New Hampshire Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus was successful in pushing for expansions to their previously established apprentice hunting program. In May, Gov. John Lynch of the Governors Sportsmen's Caucus signed into law HB 297, and now both resident and non-resident archery hunters are afforded the opportunity to participate in the apprentice hunting program.

2012: Right to Hunt and Fish Constitutional Amendment Enacted in Idaho, Mississippi, Nebraska, Wyoming

In 2012, these four states successfully passed the Constitutional amendment, guaranteeing their citizens the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife.

2013: South Carolina Enacts Year-Round Angling and Hunting Licenses

SC S 584 signed by the governor, enacts 365-day hunting and angling licenses. Saltwater angling 365-day license sales began in 2014, and other licenses are expected to follow in the near future.

2013: Maryland Expands Sunday Hunting

Sunday hunting was expanded in Maryland to include two additional counties for deer hunting, and one for turkey. This expansion followed a successful effort in 2012 to expand hunting opportunities on Sunday, which led to turkey hunting being expanded in five counties and deer hunting in four.



2013: Maryland Passes Innovative Recreational Waterway Access Bill

With the support of many members of the Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus and Foundation, HB 797 was signed into law. HB 797 helps to promote access to Maryland's fishable waters by requiring transportation projects to consider the feasibility of providing and/or improving waterway access along the state's roads and bridges. Lack of access is one of the primary reasons lapsed anglers give when asked why they no longer participate in the sport. This bill marks a significant step forward, not only in the promotion of recreational access, but also in the potential recruitment and retention of anglers in Maryland.

2013: Families Afield Legislation Advances

In 2013, North Carolina became the 35th state to pass Families Afield legislation (apprentice hunting), followed by Pennsylvania, which made revisions to their existing program by expanding the age range of individuals eligible for an apprentice license. 2013 also marked the milestone of one million apprentice licenses sold throughout the nation since the inception of these crucial recruitment programs.

2013: Nevada Amends Anti-Hunting Legislation to Protect Bear Hunt and Sound Wildlife Management

SB 82, initially introduced at the request of anti-hunting interests, would have required the Nevada Board of Wildlife to end the state's bear hunt just two years after being authorized for the first time in history. Thanks to the efforts of pro-sportsmen legislators, including those in the Nevada Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, SB 82 was amended favorably to sustain the hunt moving forward.

2013: Bear Baiting Ban Defeated in New Hampshire

In 2013, SB 56 was introduced, which would have banned the practice of taking bears over bait in New Hampshire. Members of the NH Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus successfully educated their colleagues on the value of the bear hunting tradition to sportsmen and women in the state. When the bill was heard in Committee, it received a report of "inexpedient to legislate" which led to the bill being defeated the following week.

2013

2013: Handgun Carry While Archery Hunting Allowed in Vermont

Following passage of the Sportsmen's Act of 2013 (HB 101), archery hunters may now carry handguns while bow hunting. The standalone legislation, rolled into the Sportsmen's Act, was introduced by Vermont Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Chair Rep. Pat Brennan and the package was signed into law by Governors Sportsmen's Caucus member Gov. Peter Shumlin.

2013: Crossbow Use Expands in Caucus States

Three states passed legislation concerning crossbows: Maine, Mississippi, and Vermont. In all three instances, members of the state legislative sportsmen's caucuses played a critical role in advancing the issue. Mississippi enacted full-inclusion provisions, Vermont granted the Fish and Wildlife Board the authority to regulate crossbow use, and Maine expanded crossbow use to include turkey, bear, and moose seasons.

2013: Game Designation Given to Michigan Wolves

Following passage of legislation that established the first Michigan gray wolf hunting season in 2012, the Humane Society of the United States backed an effort to stop wolf hunting in the state through a ballot referendum. In order to keep wolves and all game management under science-based jurisdiction by the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources, the Michigan Caucus passed S 288. The bill ensures that the DNR can designate "game" species, and only the legislature can remove species from the list of game animals.

2013: Interstate Wildlife Violators Compact Legislation Advanced in Northeast

Vermont became the 39th state to adopt the Interstate Wildlife Violators Compact, following the enactment of legislation in 2012. Also in 2013, Connecticut, Delaware, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island all passed legislation which will allow them to adopt the compact in the future.

2013: Alaska Sportsmen and Women Protected from Knife Regulations

Governors Sportsmen's Caucus member Gov. Sean Parnell signed HB 33 into law, providing Alaska sportsmen and women protection from the burdensome localized regulation of knives commonly used for hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Sponsored by Alaska Legislative Outdoor Heritage Caucus member and NASC Executive Council Vice President Rep. Mark Neuman, HB 33 specified that the state of Alaska is the preeminent regulator of knives and closed loopholes which previously allowed municipalities to classify everyday knives as "switchblades" or "gravity knives."

2013: Illinois Expands Youth Apprentice Hunting Opportunities

S. 853 allows anyone under the age of 16 to apply for a hunting license without first completing a hunting safety course, provided they are hunting under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult.

2013: Georgia Designates Red Fish as Game Species

The red fish, the state saltwater fish of Georgia, was officially designated as a game fish this year, putting Georgia closer in line with neighboring state game designations. The law eliminates the commercial harvest of the species making rod and reel the only legal way to take the fish. The bill was signed by Governor Sportsmen's Caucus member Gov. Nathan Deal.



CSF Board of Directors member John Doerr



TOMORROW'S ASPIRATIONS

American System of Conservation Funding

Seventy-seven years ago, the sportsmen's community initiated the American System of Conservation Funding (a "user-pays, public-benefits" system) with the passage of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (Pittman-Robertson Act). The Pittman-Robertson Act directed excise taxes on firearms and ammunition to a dedicated fund to be used specifically for conservation purposes. Further, revenue from sportsmen's licenses was permanently linked to conservation through the establishment of this program, laying the foundation for what is now the American System of Conservation Funding. Through time, this System has expanded and now includes the fishing and boating communities with the passage of the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (also known as the Dingell-Johnson Act, and the subsequent Wallop-Breaux Amendment) as well as the archery community.

The funds collected through this program, which total more than \$15 billion since 1937, are the lifeblood of state fish and wildlife agencies – the primary managers of our nation's fish and wildlife resources. These critical conservation dollars fund a variety of efforts including: enhanced fish and wildlife habitat and populations, recreational access to public and private lands, shooting ranges and boat access facilities, wetlands protection and its associated water filtration and flood retention functions, and improved soil and water conservation - all of which benefit the American public.

The 75th Anniversary of the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs

2012 marked the 75th Anniversary of this critical funding mechanism. In celebration of the profound impact sportsmen and women have had on conservation, resolutions were passed, or proclamations were signed, in 22 states. In the years ahead, CSF will continue to promote the role America's sportsmen and women play in providing critical conservation funding for state fish and wildlife agencies.

22 states have passed resolutions or signed proclamations for this program:

Alabama	Idaho	Kentucky	New York	Vermont
Alaska	Illinois	Maryland	North Carolina	Virginia
Arkansas	Indiana	Missouri	Pennsylvania	
California	Iowa	Nebraska	South Carolina	
Colorado	Kansas	New Mexico	South Dakota	

Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Reauthorization (Dingell-Johnson Act)

The Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration (Dingell-Johnson) Act was passed in 1950 and was modeled off of the highly successful Pittman-Robertson Act. Through the Dingell-Johnson Act, excise taxes are collected on sport fishing equipment (rods, reels, lines, lures, and related equipment) and apportioned to the states for conservation purposes. The Dingell Johnson Act has been amended several times; the most critical being the Wallop-Breaux Amendment in 1984 which added excise taxes on motorboat fuel as well as import duties on yachts to the funding structure. These revenues, held in trust for anglers by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, provide critical funding for fisheries management and angler access projects in every state. It is vital that the program is reauthorized every five years to ensure the future of state-based fisheries management and continued fishing opportunities for America's anglers.

The Angling and Boating Alliance, a coalition including CSF and several other national recreational boating, angling, and conservation groups, along with state natural resource agencies, is committed to a sustainable future of the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. In February 2014, the alliance released a statement on recommendations for the Trust Fund's reauthorization. Some of these recommendations include that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service annually report on the administrative services regarding the Trust Funds in the states, the sportfishing community, and Congress; and the percentage each account should be allocated to make the Trust Fund most equitable.

Sunday Hunting

Sunday hunting bans and restrictions are one of the last remaining examples of the puritanical blue laws that were initially designed to encourage church attendance. At the time when these restrictions were first put in place, other activities that were illegal on a Sunday included opening a store for business, drinking alcoholic beverages, and tilling your fields. Today, most of the blue laws have been repealed; however, Sunday hunting restrictions remain in 10 Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern states. Eliminating these remaining restrictions will have a positive impact on the economy, will enhance property rights of landowners, will lead to greater hunting participation, and will increase the management capabilities of the state fish and wildlife agencies. In March 2014, Sunday hunting restrictions were lifted in Virginia. The state will now allow hunting on private lands and waterfowl hunting on public waters. CSF is a member of the Sunday Hunting Coalition, which is working diligently to remove the remaining antiquated restrictions in the years ahead, in all instances in which they currently exist.

Families Afield

The Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation is a member of the Families Afield Coalition, which works to advance apprentice hunting license policy in states throughout the nation. The apprentice hunting license is a valuable recruitment tool that provides novice hunters the opportunity to hunt under the supervision of a licensed hunter before they have completed their hunter education course. This "try before you buy" approach makes entry into hunting less challenging for new recruits and allows new participants to receive hands-on experience from an experienced mentor. At the close of 2013, 35 states had approved apprentice hunting license programs, and over 1,000,000 apprentice licenses had been sold. CSF will remain committed to improving hunter recruitment and retention through the advancement of sound policies, such as Families Afield, that reduce barriers to participation in our time-honored traditions.

If future challenges were crystal clear,
sportsmen wouldn't need us...



Making Public Lands Public: Federal Land Management & Sportsmen's Access

Many of our nation's sportsmen and women depend on access to federal lands to pursue their passion for hunting, angling and recreational shooting. Policy decisions made by the United States Congress and federal agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and United States Forest Service (USFS) have a significant impact on the public's ability to enjoy our country's outdoor heritage. Currently, many places in our federal lands system, particularly in the West, feature inadequate recreational access that impedes our community's ability to enjoy the great outdoors. For this reason, CSF has joined others in the sportsmen's arena to highlight the necessity of dedicated funding for Making Public Lands Public (MPLP) access programs included in the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). MPLP allows federal agencies to strategically acquire easements, rights-of-way and private inholdings from willing sellers for enhanced public access to existing BLM, USFS and other federally-managed areas that are currently unavailable to hunters, anglers, recreational shooters and outdoor recreationists. Moving forward, CSF will continue to work with Congress, state legislators and others to generate support for MPLP and other policies that protect and enhance sportsmen's access to our nation's federal lands.

National Fish Hatchery System

For more than 125 years, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Fish Hatchery System has provided millions of sport fish each year for America's angling public. It has always been an important component of the Service's mission. However, recent budget reductions coupled with a fundamental shift away from sport fish management to the propagation and protection of threatened and endangered species has placed many of these hatcheries in danger of closing their doors or discontinuing sport fish propagation efforts. For a majority of states, this would be a devastating blow to not only their angling community, but also to the significant amount of dollars they generate for conservation of all fish species through license sales and excises taxes. CSF is currently leading an effort with the state natural resource agencies, state legislators, governors' offices, anglers and the angling industry to keep the hatcheries open in 2015, as well as the development of a long-term solution to ensure that sportfish production remains a priority within the Service.

Magnuson-Stevens Act

The reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act in 2006 included several important legal requirements to end overfishing by specified dates and establish limits on the amount of fishing that can take place in a given fishery. Although the Act has made significant progress in rebuilding and sustaining our nation's fisheries since it was first passed in 1976, it remains primarily a model for commercial fisheries management.

Commercial and recreational fishing are fundamentally different activities, with dissimilar harvest data collection systems and thus require different management approaches. Yet, the last reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, for all intents and purposes, uses the same management strategy for both recreational and commercial fisheries – primarily poundage-based hard quotas with accountability measures. The result of this one-size-fits-all approach has been devastating for the recreational angler and many states' coastal economies. As Congress seeks to reauthorize Magnuson-Stevens again in the coming years, CSF will work with our partners in the sportfishing community and the coastal state natural resource agencies to develop a more reasonable and effective management approach using the highly successful state-based model that has been proven to benefit recreational anglers, boost state economies and ensure the sustainability of our marine fisheries for generations to come.

NASC EVENTS

...from legislation to the fields



California Outdoor Sporting Caucus dinner event in 2004



Texas Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus event in 2006



Former NASC President Rep. Mike Pitts (SC), NASC President Robin Webb (KY), the hunting guide, CSF President Jeff Crane, and past CSF Board of Directors member Kevin O'Donovan hunting after the NASC Summit 2009



Attendees applauding speakers at the 2011 NASC Sportsman-Legislator Summit



CSF's Chris Horton with Arkansas Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus members in 2006



Gone fishing at the 2008 NASC Summit



Sen. John Astle (MD), Lane Stephens of Allied Sportsmen of Florida, and Eric Donaldson of Altria before the hunt at the 2012 NASC Summit



CSF's States Program Team presents Washington Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Chair Sen. Pam Roach (WA) with the NASC Heritage award for the western region



2009 NASC Executive Council at the Shoot of the Midnight Sun with CSF States Program Team members



Pheasant hunt at the 2010 NASC Annual Summit



State legislators gathered at the 2013 NASC Annual Summit



Illinois Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Co-Chair and NASC Executive Council Secretary Rep. Brandon Phelps (IL)



Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Co-Chair and first NASC Executive Council President Sen. John Astle (MD)



Mississippi Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Co-Chair and NASC Executive Council member, Rep. Herb Frierson (MS)



Rep. Stephen Wood (ME), Maine Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Co-Chair (left)



Oregon Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Co-Chairs Reps. Brad Witt (D-OR) and Sal Esquivel (OR), who is also a NASC Executive Council member, in Illinois at the 2013 NASC Annual Summit



Kentucky Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Co-Chair and NASC Executive Council President Sen. Robin Webb (KY)



Sen. Mike Green (MI), Michigan Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Co-Chair



NASC Executive Council Vice President Sen. Mark Neuman (AK)



NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUSES

CSF set out to create a network of state legislative sportsmen's caucuses, and in 2004 the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC) was launched. Currently, with 44 state legislative sportsmen's caucuses (over 2,000 state legislators) united under the NASC umbrella, the NASC facilitates the interaction and exchange of ideas among state caucus leaders and the outdoor community. NASC is staffed through CSF, with a dedicated staff member in each region.

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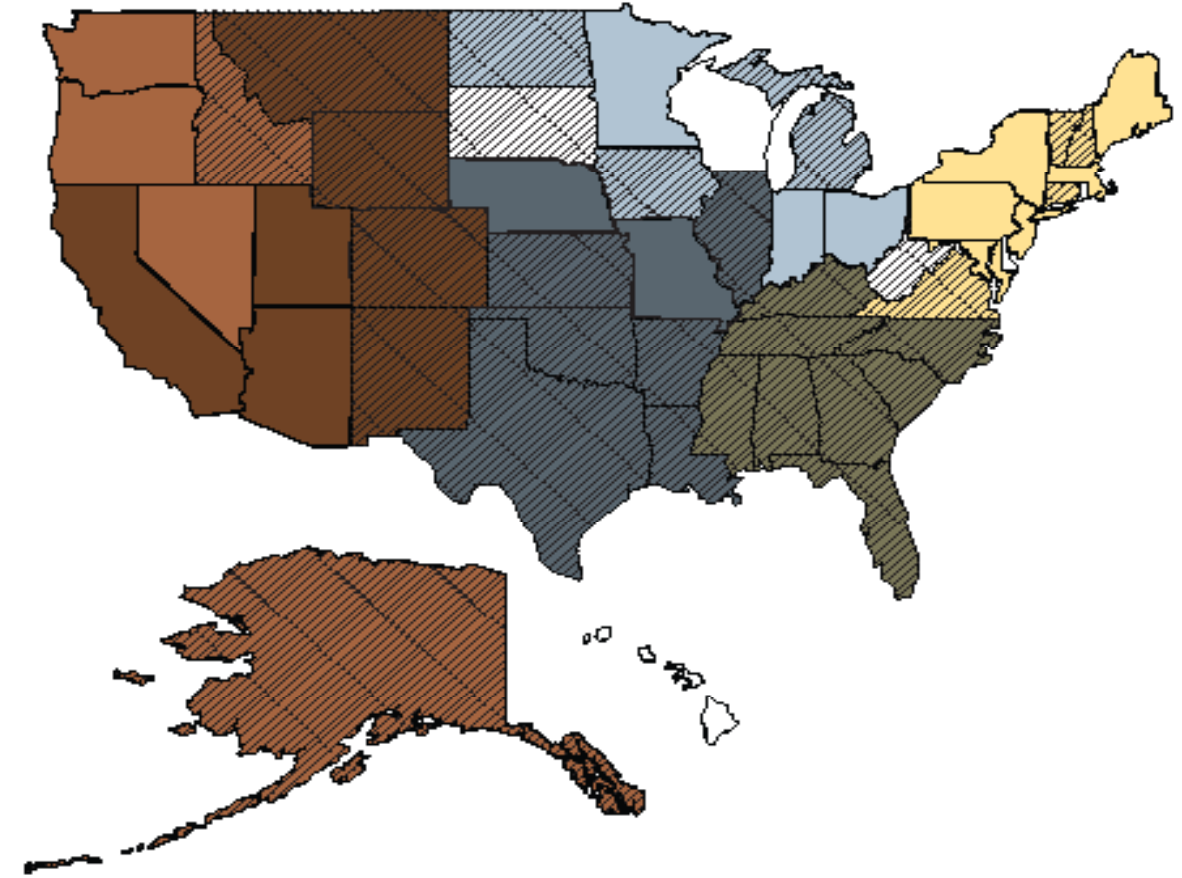
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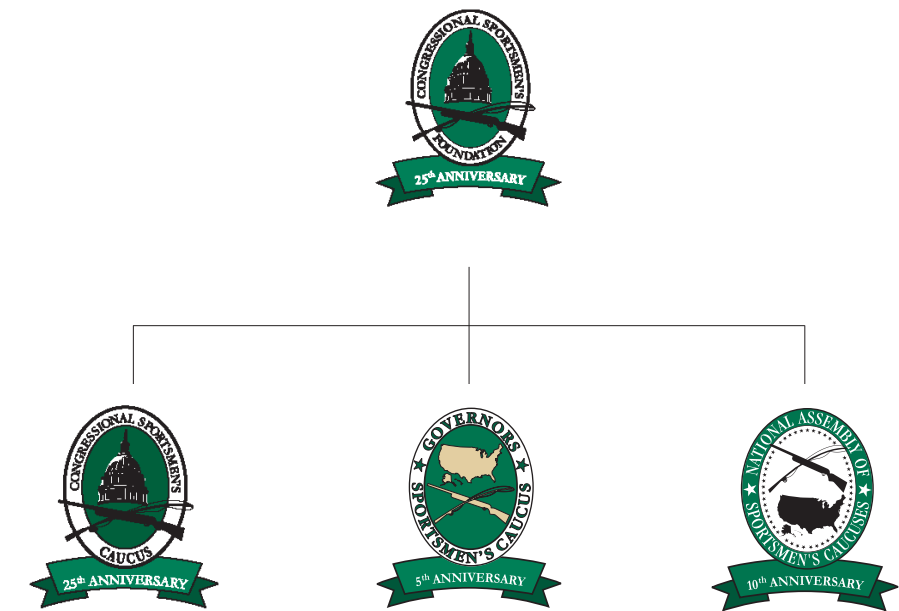
The Economic Impact of America's Sportsmen and Women

In 2012, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released the most thorough economic and participation research results for our outdoor industry, data that is only gathered every five years. The Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF) turns this national and state-specific economic data into a compelling, full color report to publicize the information and promote the importance of sportsmen and women within the nation's broader economy and to the conservation of our natural resources. Titled "America's Sporting Heritage: Fueling the American Economy," this report speaks to the significance that sportsmen and women play in the economy and how our sportsmen's heritage and the industries that support our pursuits are more important than ever.

In 2011:

- 37 MILLION sportsmen and women
- Sportsmen spent \$90 BILLION
- \$750 MILLION spent on Federal Duck Stamps to hunt waterfowl
- Anglers supported more than 828,000 jobs
- Arms and ammunition industry directly employed over 98,000 people
- Boating retail/service businesses employed over 200,000 people

For economic information on specific states, visit:
www.sportsmenslink.org/reports/



Since 1989 the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF) has maintained a singleness of purpose that has guided the organization to become the most respected and trusted sportsmen's organization in the political arena. CSF's mission is to work with Congress, governors, and state legislatures to protect and advance hunting, angling, recreational shooting and trapping. The unique and collective force of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus (CSC), the Governors Sportsmen's Caucus (GSC) and the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC), working closely with CSF, and with the support of major hunting, angling and recreational shooting and trapping organizations, serves as an unprecedented network of pro-sportsmen elected officials that advance the interests of America's hunters and anglers.

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