



To: Honorable Members of the Natural Resources Committee
Re: House Joint Resolution 1 – A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the state of Iowa providing that the people of the state have a right to hunt, fish, trap, and harvest wildlife.
Position: Support
Date: February 11, 2025

Honorable Members of the Natural Resources Committee,

On behalf of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF), I am writing to you to respectfully encourage you to support House Joint Resolution 1 (HJR 1) which will amend the Iowa Constitution by formally enumerating the rights of the citizens of Iowa to hunt, fish, trap, and harvest wildlife. Constitutionally protecting these rights represents an important step toward safeguarding the future of Iowa's outdoor heritage.

Founded in 1989, CSF is the informed authority across outdoor issues and serves as the primary conduit for influencing public policy. Working with the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus (CSC), the Governors Sportsmen's Caucus (GSC), and the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC), CSF gives a voice to hunters, anglers, recreational shooters, and trappers on Capitol Hill and throughout state capitols advocating on vital outdoor issues that are the backbone of our nation's conservation legacy.

As efforts to undermine the ability of sportsmen and women to hunt, fish, and trap continue across the country become more commonplace, protections such as those offered through HJR 1 ensure that our time-honored traditions remain available for future generations. Hunting, fishing, and trapping have long been a part of Iowa's heritage, but, without additional safeguards in place, future generations of Iowans could face barriers to participation that are unfathomable today. While changes to a state constitution should never be taken lightly, the passage of HJR 1 would provide Iowa's citizens with the opportunity to weigh in on the conversation and vote to protect their time-honored traditions in perpetuity. Doing so would potentially make Iowa the 25th state to add this amendment to their Constitution, protecting our sporting heritage while maintaining support for the Department of Natural Resources' science-based conservation of Iowa's public trust fish and wildlife resources.

To conclude, CSF asks the members of the Natural Resources Committee to support HJR 1 to constitutionally protect the right to hunt, fish, trap, and harvest wildlife in the Hawkeye State. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue. Should you require additional information on this, or other sportsmen-related topics, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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