

SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS

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Senator Stephen Goldfinch
Senator Russell Ott

Representative Bobby Cox
Representative Heather Bauer

Since its establishment, the South Carolina Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus has been the leading voice for sportsmen and women in the South Carolina General Assembly. In addition to being one of the most active sportsmen's caucuses in the country, South Carolina Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Members have been key in the growth of the NASC network. Representative Mike Pitts and Representative Brian White served as Presidents of the NASC Executive Council, and Representative Bobby Cox is a current member of the NASC Executive Council. South Carolina hosted the NASC Sportsman-Legislator Summit in 2008 and in 2012. The Caucus hosts regular functions including luncheons, fishing trips, and policy-centric meetings that educate Caucus members about important sportsmen's issues and facilitate interaction with South Carolina sportsmen's community. The Caucus has also helped host the South Carolina Southern Sporting Classic that brought together the South Carolina sportsmen's community for a day of comradery building.



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Policy Highlights

- In 2023, thanks to the leadership of Caucus Co-Chair and NASC Executive Council Member Representative Bobby Cox and other Caucus Members, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources opened limited Sunday hunting opportunities on National Forests and select Wildlife Management Areas for the first time in the state's history.
- The Caucus was instrumental in the passage of HB 3800 in 2020 which expanded the apprentice hunting license program to support efforts to recruit new hunters.
- To address the decline in the turkey population, Caucus members led the charge to update turkey hunting regulations through the passage of SB 575 in 2019.



219,222 paid license
holders - hunters



603,247 paid license
holders - anglers



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