## MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS

## LEADERSHIP

Senator Juan Barnett Senator Neil Whaley

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Representative Scott Bounds Representative Karl Gibbs

The Mississippi Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus has been the leading voice for sportsmen and women in the Mississippi State Legislature. The bicameral and bipartisan Caucus is one of the largest state legislative sportsmen's caucuses in the country with over 110 members hailing from all corners of the Magnolia State. Representative Bounds provides national leadership on sportsmen's issues through his service on the NASC Executive Council. Mississippi hosted the NASC Sportsman-Legislator Summit in 2012. The Caucus hosts events, including the annual Fish Fry, that help educate Caucus members about important sportsmen's issues and facilitate interaction with the Mississippi sportsmen's community.



## **Policy Highlights**

- In 2022, Caucus Member Trey Lamar authored legislation (HB 606), co-sponsored by NASC Executive Council Member Representative Scott Bounds, that created an additional source of conservation funding for the state (Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund),
- In 2020, the Caucus was instrumental in legislation (HB 1577) which authorized a hunter education course for students in grades 7 through 12.
  - In 2018, Caucus leadership-sponsored resolution (HCR 82) supporting federal fishery management reforms passed both legislative chambers.





325,350 paid license holders - anglers



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