



Caucus Leadership

Senator Shane Wilkin

Representative Mike Loychik

OHIO LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS

Ohio became the 23rd state to form a state legislative sportsmen's caucus under the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucus (NASC) umbrella in 2005, and since its inception, the Ohio Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus has been the leading voice for sportsmen and women in the Ohio General Assembly. The bicameral and bipartisan Caucus has more than 45 members hailing from all corners of the Buckeye State. The Caucus has hosted events, including policy breakfast meetings, sporting clays competitions, virtual meetings, and receptions in the Statehouse, that helped educate Caucus members about important sportsmen's issues and facilitated interaction with the Ohio sportsmen's community. The Caucus works closely with a range of conservation partners to protect and advance Ohio's sporting traditions.

Policy Highlights

- Caucus leadership sponsored legislation (SB 140) was signed into law in January 2021 repealing the prohibition against carrying a concealed deadly weapon if the knife is not used as a weapon and removes the prohibition against the manufacture or sale of certain types of knives, including knives that are legal to possess in Ohio.
- The Caucus was instrumental in the passage of resolutions (SR 557 and HR 261) in 2020 that recognized September 26, 2020 as National Hunting and Fishing Day in Ohio to recognize the significant contributions that sportsmen and women provide to the economy and system of conservation funding for the Buckeye State.

Economic Impact

- The 479,000 hunters of Ohio support 15,500 jobs, contribute \$426 million towards salaries and wages, and provide \$68 million in state and local taxes.
- Ohio's 718,400 recreational shooters support 10,700 jobs, contribute \$381 million towards salaries and wages, and provide \$72 million in state and local taxes.
- The 2,769,200 anglers in Ohio support 18,580 jobs and have an economic output of \$2.5 billion.

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