



Caucus Leadership

Senator Stewart Cathey
Senator Gary Smith

Representative Vincent Pierre
Representative Clay Schexnayder

LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS

Louisiana became the 18th state to form a state legislative sportsmen's caucus under the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucus (NASC) umbrella in 2004, and since its inception, the Louisiana Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus has been the leading voice for sportsmen and women in the Louisiana State Legislature. The bicameral and bipartisan Caucus has more than 60 members hailing from all corners of the Sportsman's Paradise State. Caucus Member Representative Jerome Zeringue provides national leadership on sportsmen's issues through his service on the NASC Executive Council. The Caucus hosts an annual luncheon that helps educate Caucus members about important sportsmen's issues and facilitate interaction with the Louisiana sportsmen's community.

Policy Highlights

- In 2022, NASC Executive Council Member Representative Jerome Zeringue authored legislation (HB 762) that created an additional source of conservation funding for the state (Louisiana Outdoors Forever Program), which supplements dollars generated through the American System of Conservation Funding.
- In 2021, Caucus-member sponsored legislation (HB 691) was signed into law restructuring hunting and fishing license fees to increase funding to support the fish and wildlife conservation programs of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.
- Caucus leadership-sponsored legislation (HB 35) was signed into law in 2020 expanding the game meat donation liability statute to include feral hogs in the definition of wild game.
- In 2020, the Caucus helped defeat a proposed regulation that would have banned the use of lead ammunition for shotguns on Wildlife Management Area shooting ranges.

Economic Impact

- The 327,000 hunters in Louisiana support 10,000 jobs, contribute \$386 million towards salaries and wages, and provide \$70 million in state and local taxes.
- Louisiana's 330,800 recreational shooters support 3,400 jobs, contribute \$123 million towards salaries and wages, and provide \$24 million in state and local taxes.
- The 1,243,600 anglers in Louisiana support 17,940 jobs and produce an economic output of \$2.5 billion.

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