



## Caucus Leadership

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# FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS

Florida became the 17th state form a state legislative sportsmen's caucus under the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucus (NASC) umbrella in 2004, and since its inception, the Florida Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus has been the leading voice for sportsmen and women in the Florida Legislature. The bicameral and bipartisan Caucus has more than 40 members hailing from all corners of the Sunshine State. The Caucus has hosted events ranging from indoor range days to dinners with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to help educate Caucus members about important sportsmen's issues, such as the American System of Conservation Funding. These events help facilitate interaction with Florida sportsmen's community and allow the Caucus to keep tabs on important sportsmen initiatives. The Caucus works closely with a range of conservation partners to protect and advance Florida's sporting traditions.

## Policy Highlights

- In 2020, the Caucus was instrumental in the passage legislation (SB 1414) which expanded the statute prohibiting the harassment of hunters, anglers, and trappers by extending protections to sportsmen and women on public lands and waters.
- In 2020, the Caucus lead the effort to establish an outdoor sporting goods tax holiday for firearms, ammunition, and fishing supplies. While the legislation did not become the law, the effort educated policymakers about the importance of hunters and anglers to Florida's economy.
- The Caucus has been instrumental over the years defeating numerous bills that would have negatively impacted sporting dog owners.

## Economic Impact

- The 273,000 hunters in Florida support 14,300 jobs, contribute \$532 million towards salaries and wages, and provide \$93 million in state and local taxes.
- Florida's 1,169,400 recreational shooters support 10,900 jobs, contribute \$421 million towards salaries and wages, and provide \$73 million in state and local taxes.
- The 4,351,300 anglers in Florida support 51,370 jobs and produce an economic output of \$6.5 billion.

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