



## Caucus Leadership

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# TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS

The Texas Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus was one of the original 21 legislative sportsmen's caucuses to organize under the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC) in 2004. Since that time, the Caucus has championed legislation that benefits Texas' sportsmen and women, as well as the Lone Star State's natural resources. In addition, the Caucus has played a central role in assisting CSF with generating support from the Texas Congressional delegation on important federal legislation that benefits our natural resources and our outdoor heritage in Texas and across the nation.

Since 2004, the Caucus remains engaged on issues that affect the nation's original conservationists by protecting and advancing hunting, angling, recreational shooting, and trapping within the Lone Star State. For more information on the Caucus, visit the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation's website at <https://congressionalsportsmen.org/state/tx>.

## Policy Highlights

- 2015 – Texas passes SJR 22, providing for the constitutional right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife. Texas voters overwhelmingly approve the constitutional right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife in the general election with more than 80% of the vote.
- 2019 – Authored by Caucus Co-Chair Representative Lyle Larson, HB 337 (nicknamed “Kali’s Law” in honor of Kali Gorzell) required all boaters to wear emergency engine cutoff switches when operating recreational motorboats less than 26 feet in length.
- 2019 – Texas passes SJR 24, which fully dedicated the revenue from the sales tax on sporting goods to the state Parks and Wildlife Department and state Historical Commission. Texas voters overwhelmingly approved the dedication of this funding in the general election with nearly 90% of the vote.

## Economic Impact and Conservation Funding

- The 1,266,000 hunters in Texas support 37,900 jobs, contribute \$1.425 billion towards salaries and wages, and provide \$225 million in state and local taxes.
- Texas' 1,806,000 recreational shooters support 18,400 jobs, contribute \$782 million towards salaries and wages, and provide \$136 million in state and local taxes.
- The 4,313,700 anglers in Texas support 51,380 jobs and produce an economic output of \$7.7 billion.

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