

## **LEADERSHIP**

Representative Doug Owens

Since inception, the Utah Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus has continued to work for the benefit of conservation and Utah's sporting community by advocating for pro-sportsmen's policy in Salt Lake City. The Caucus continues to maintain a collaborative relationship with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) and their sportsmen and women constituents by working on issues like conservation funding, predator management, wildlife crossings and aquatic invasive species. In 2011, Utah hosted the Governor's Sportsmen's Caucus (GSC) Summer Reception in Salt Lake City. Currently, Caucus Co-Chair Rep. Snider also serves on the NASC Executive Council, helping to bring a western perspective to the table.



## **Policy Highlights**

- in 2023, Utah passed HB 30 which included a line item that allows fulltime non-resident college students to purchase hunting licenses at resident rates to remove financial barriers to R3 efforts.
- In 2021, Utah passed HB 295 which gives the DWR the ability to manage game camera use, limits the practice of baiting, and provides basic guidelines for the outfitter and guiding industry in relation to waterfowl management areas.
- Sponsored by Caucus Co-Chair Rep. Snider, former GSC Member Governor Gary Herbert enacted the <u>Natural Resources Legacy</u>

  Fund Act which funds landscape level conservation projects that would provide perpetual <u>access</u> for hunting, fishing, or trapping, habitat conservation, non-game species management, and reduce the likelihood of future listings of species under the Endangered Species Act



268,075 paid license holders - hunters



604,287 paid license holders - anglers



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