



Caucus Leadership

Rep. Casey Snider Rep. Doug Owens

UTAH LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS

In 2007, the Utah Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus (ULSC) joined the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC), a bipartisan and bicameral group of state legislators committed to protecting and advancing hunting, angling, trapping and recreational shooting. Since inception, the ULSC 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.

ULSC 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 2020, Utah passed HJR 15 and amended the state constitution to protect the right to hunt and fish using traditional means and methods with 75% of the vote in the general election.
- Sponsored by Caucus Co-Chair Rep. Snider, former GSC Member Governor Gary Herbert enacted the Natural Resources Legacy Fund Act which funds landscape level conservation projects that would provide perpetual access 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
- 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.
- 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.

Economic Impact

- The 244,000 hunters in Utah support 10,900 jobs, contribute \$410 million towards salaries and wages, and provide \$60 million in state and local taxes.
- Utah's 291,600 recreational shooters support 3,200 jobs, contribute \$115 million towards salaries and wages, and provide \$20 million in state and local taxes.
- The 621,100 anglers in Utah support 7,720 jobs and produce an economic output of \$1.1 billion.

ELLARY TUCKERWILLIAMS - ASSISTANT MANAGER, ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATES AND PREDATOR AND FURBEARER MANAGEMENT POLICY
ETUCKERWILLIAMS@CONGRESSIONALSPOUTSMEN.ORG
202-573-6079