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COLORADO LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS

The Colorado Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, a member of the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses, was established in 2004 with a bipartisan, bicameral mission to:

- 1) Preserve and promote the traditional rights of America citizens to hunt, fish, and pursue outdoor activities
- 2) Ensure that America's sportsmen and women have reasonable access to public lands to enjoy outdoor pursuits
- 3) Protect the investment of sportsmen and women in wildlife and fisheries management by safeguarding the integrity of user-fee trust funds
- 4) Support efforts to enhance multiple-use habitat management for wildlife and fisheries
- 5) Recognize the importance of hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities to our nation's economy and support the maintenance and growth of outdoor-related industries and activities
- 6) Work as a collaborative partner with the agricultural community in providing wildlife habitat.

The Caucus meets monthly to interact with the sporting community and become educated on issues of importance to the Centennial State's hunters, anglers, trappers and recreational shooters. Over the years, these cooperative efforts have led to the establishment of pro-sporting policy changes including the establishment of an apprentice hunting license, a ban on internet hunting and the expansion of youth hunting opportunities throughout Colorado.

Policy Highlights

- **SB 18-143** – Future Generations Act included provisions that will grow the number of hunters and anglers, expand public and private land access, increase big game populations, improve wildlife populations and increase the number of fish stocked throughout Colorado.
- **SB 19-1026** - Updated fines associated with wildlife law violations to serve as an effective deterrent against poaching and other wildlife crimes.
- **SB22-031** - Mountain lion and bobcat hunting ban was defeated in Committee with a 4-1 vote

Economic Impact

- The 298,000 hunters in Colorado support 10,600 jobs, contribute \$372 million towards salaries and wages, and provide \$58 million in state and local taxes.
- Colorado's 324,600 recreational shooters support 3,100 jobs, contribute \$134 million towards salaries and wages, and provide \$24 million in state and local taxes.
- The 1,257,700 anglers in Colorado support 13,520 jobs and produce an economic output of \$2.2 billion.

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