



## **Caucus Leadership**

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## MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS

The Michigan Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus (Caucus) is one of the most active sportsmen's caucuses in the country. The membership consistently includes over 50% of the legislature, and Caucus members have served on the NASC Executive Council. With strong bi-partisan leadership, the Michigan Caucus is a strong advocate for the sporting traditions that the residents of the Great Lakes State hold dear. In 2014 the Caucus won the NASC Heritage Award, and in 2017 the Caucus hosted the NASC Annual Sportsman-Legislator Summit in Travers City. The Caucus also worked to create the Michigan Wildlife Council, which works to educate the public on the important role hunters and anglers play in funding wildlife conservation. The Caucus recently established an Advisory Council made up of state and national conservation organizations to help develop policy and aid in hosting events. The Caucus is committed to working with conservation organizations and the Department of Natural Resources to promote and develop science-based wildlife policy.

## **Policy Highlights**

- Secured funding for management of CWD
- Removing the public land cap and adopting the public lands strategy
- Maintaining Michigan's wetland protection regulation
- Protecting Michigan's ballast water regulation
- Reauthorization of Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act

## **Economic Impact**

- The 471,000 hunters of Michigan support 23,600 jobs, contribute \$1.041 billion towards salaries and wages, and provide \$227 million in state and local taxes.
- Michigan's 541,200 recreational shooters support 6,500 jobs, contribute \$236 million towards salaries and wages, and provide \$51 million in state and local taxes.
- The 2,918,700 anglers in Michigan support 28,410 jobs and have an economic output of \$3.9 billion.