

VIRGINIA LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS



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Since its inception, the Virginia Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus has been the leading voice for sportsmen and women in the Virginia General Assembly. The bicameral and bipartisan Caucus has more than 40 members hailing from all corners of the Old Dominion. The Caucus meets weekly during the legislative session to discuss issues impacting sportsmen and women in the Commonwealth. The Caucus also hosted an overnight retreat in Southwest Virginia that provided the opportunity for Caucus members to experience outdoor sporting activities and facilitated interaction with the Virginia sportsmen's community. Significant policy accomplishments include protecting conservation funding, legalizing Sunday hunting on private lands (2014), and repealing the prohibition against Sunday hunting on public lands (2022).



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Policy Highlights

- Caucus-leadership sponsored legislation (HB 388) was signed into law in 2020 authorizing the Board of Wildlife Resources to create a special elk license and establish quotas for an elk season. The first Virginia elk hunt in modern history took place in 2022.
- The Caucus was instrumental in the passage of legislation (HB 449) in 2020 that increased the penalties for various hunting, fishing and trapping violations.
- Caucus members were also instrumental in the passage of legislation (HB 1448) in 2020 that transferred authority to manage Atlantic menhaden from the legislature to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission which enabled the Commonwealth to comply with the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic menhaden.



253,650 paid license holders - hunters



595,755 paid license holders - anglers



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