

NEW YORK LEGISLATIVE SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS

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Senator Joseph Griffo
Senator Michelle Hinchey

Assembly Member Marianne Buttenschon
Assembly Member Robert Smullen

Brad Rowse, a native New Yorker himself, was instrumental in organizing the New York Caucus and establishing the initial leadership team. The original Co-Chairs of the New York Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus were Senators Betty Little and Dale Volker, and Assembly Members Darrel Aubertine and Ginny Fields. In 2024, the Caucus is Co-Chaired by Senators Joseph Griffo and Michelle Hinchey, and Assemblyman Robert Smullen. In 2012, the New York Sportsmen's Advisory Council was formed to work alongside the Caucus and to provide on-the-ground support, and is currently comprised of a wide-array of both in-state and national conservation partners. Caucus members in New York have secured many victories for New York sportsmen and women over the last sixteen years, including: protecting the American System of Conservation Funding; lowering the minimum age for deer and bear hunting; establishing a junior archery license; expanding crossbow usage; and, defeating microstamping, ammo registration, and bullet serialization measures.



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Policy Highlights

- The Caucus recently worked to pass legislation to increase penalties for poaching and has strongly advocated for lowering the hunting age and expanding crossbow usage.
- Many additional efforts in New York were directed towards the defense of sportsmen's rights, primarily fighting restrictive firearm bills and bills that sought to limit predator and other forms of hunting.
- The Caucus, Advisory Council, and CSF helped institute a mentored youth hunting pilot program which allowed counties to opt-in and authorize mentored deer hunting for 12 and 13-year-olds beginning during the 2021-22 hunting season.



564,363 paid license
holders - hunters



925,086 paid license
holders - anglers



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