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9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
10 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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12 THE UNITED STATES SPORTSMEN’S
ALLIANCE FOUNDATION, an Ohio
13 nonprofit corporation; SAFARI CLUB
INTERNATIONAL, an Arizona nonprofit
14 corporation; and CONGRESSIONAL
SPORTSMEN’S FOUNDATION, a
15 Washington, D.C. nonprofit corporation,

16 Plaintiffs,

17 v.

18 ROB BONTA, in his official capacity as
Attorney General of the State of California;
19 and DOES 1-25, inclusive,

20 Defendants.
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Case No. 2:22-cv-01395-DAD-JDP

**Declaration of Jeff Crane in Support
of Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary
Injunction**

*[Filed concurrently with Motion for
Preliminary Injunction; Appendix of
Evidence; and Proposed Order]*

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1 I, Jeffrey S. Crane, state and declare as follows:

2 1. I am the President and CEO of the Congressional Sportsmen’s
3 Foundation (“CSF”), a plaintiff in the above-entitled action. I submit this
4 declaration in support of Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Injunction. The matters
5 set forth herein are of my own personal knowledge and, if called upon to do so, I
6 could and would competently testify thereto.

7 2. CSF is a nonprofit I.R.C. § 501(c)(3) corporation incorporated in
8 Washington, DC, and is registered and licensed as a charity organization and has
9 the right to solicit for charitable contributions in all 50 states, including California.

10 3. Founded in 1989, CSF’s mission is to work with Congress, governors,
11 and state legislatures, including the California State Legislature, to protect and
12 advance hunting, angling, recreational shooting and trapping.

13 4. CSF provides support and guidance for three distinct caucuses
14 operating at the Federal and State level.

15 5. With nearly 250 members, the bipartisan Congressional Sportsmen’s
16 Caucus has grown into one of the largest and most effective caucuses in the US
17 Congress. The Caucus is the sportsmen’s ally and first line of defense in
18 Washington protecting and advancing hunting, angling, recreational shooting and
19 trapping.

20 6. The Governors Sportsmen’s Caucus is a bipartisan caucus of
21 governors working to protect and advance the interests of America’s sportsmen and
22 women, and advance professional fish and wildlife management policy. The 30
23 members of the bipartisan Governors Sportsmen’s Caucus facilitate communication
24 and information exchange between state executives in support of legislation and
25 regulations that protect and advance hunting, angling, recreational shooting and
26 trapping.

27 7. Forty-nine state caucuses and over 2,000 state legislators are united
28 under the bipartisan National Assembly of Sportsmen’s Caucuses (“NASC”)

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1 umbrella. The NASC facilitates the interaction and idea exchange among state
2 caucus leaders and the outdoor community. NASC provides a host of services
3 including: providing detailed information on sportsmen’s issues, writing caucus
4 press releases, organizing an annual meeting, and coordinating the exchange of
5 information and interaction between the individual state caucuses. Through its
6 communication network and by fostering interaction among legislators,
7 sportsmen’s groups, industry partners, state fish and wildlife agencies and the
8 media, NASC provides the foundation structure necessary to protect and advance
9 hunting, angling, recreational shooting, trapping, and professional fish and wildlife
10 management in state capitols.

11 8. Together with the Congressional Sportsmen’s Caucus, the Governors
12 Sportsmen’s Caucus, and the National Assembly of Sportsmen’s Caucuses, CSF
13 serves an unprecedented network of pro-sportsmen elected officials who advance
14 the interests of America’s hunters and anglers.

15 9. Among other caucuses in state legislatures across the country, CSF
16 works closely with California’s Outdoor Sporting Caucus.

17 10. As part of its support of the California Outdoor Sporting Caucus, CSF
18 hosts an annual California Outdoor Sporting Caucus Trap and Skeet Shoot at the
19 Yolo Sportsmen’s Club in Davis, California. This trap shoot features “firearm
20 industry members” and is regularly attended by youth shooting groups, along with
21 legislators and legislative staff.

22 11. CSF also has a history of hosting fundraising events in California, as it
23 does in many states, that involve firearms and may be attended by minors.

24 12. Additionally, CSF supports and has donated to youth camps in
25 California that focus on sporting skills development and hunter education, such as
26 the Kids Outdoor Sports Camp, which hosts ten summer camps each year for youth
27 between the ages of nine and seventeen.

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1 13. In support of its mission, CSF publishes a quarterly “Outdoor Heritage
2 Report” that includes news and updates on hunting and shooting sports, a weekly
3 newsletter titled “The Sportsmen’s Voice” with updates on legislation and policy,
4 and regularly utilizes social media to share these and other highlights.

5 14. These CSF publications regularly contain marketing and advertising
6 by “firearm industry members,” as well as articles, photographs, and other media
7 discussing and depicting youth engagement in conservation activities, including
8 hunting with firearms and the shooting sports. The distribution for these
9 publications reaches throughout the nation, including many individuals in
10 California.

11 15. Attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** is a true and correct copy of the Q2 2022
12 edition of the “Outdoor Heritage Report.” Attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** is a true
13 and correct copy of the Q1 2022 edition of the “Outdoor Heritage Report.”
14 Attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** is a true and correct copy of the September 20, 2021
15 edition of “The Sportsmen’s Voice.”

16 16. In the normal course of my duties as CSF’s President and CEO, I have
17 reviewed and am generally familiar with California Business and Professions Code
18 section 22949.80 (“Section 22949.80”), added by California Assembly Bill 2571,
19 and amended by Assembly Bill 160.

20 17. The codification of Section 22949.80 has caused great concern and
21 confusion in our organization, and among CSF’s advertising partners and
22 supporters. In view of Section 22949.80, CSF is unsure what can and cannot be
23 communicated through its publications.

24 18. CSF desires to advertise, market, or arrange for placement of
25 advertising or marketing communications related to its programs and events, or the
26 programs and events that CSF supports or sponsors, which may depict minors
27 engaged in the shooting sports or using firearms and firearm-related products. CSF
28 further desires to promote such programs and events by offering or distributing

1 merchandise that may bear words, symbols, cartoons, or other caricatures depicting,
2 or in proximity to, firearms and other firearm-related products. CSF is unsure
3 whether such communications violate the prohibitions of Section 22949.80.

4 19. Although CSF believes that Section 22949.80 is unconstitutional, it
5 fears that engaging in any advertising or marketing communications where it is
6 unclear whether the communications violate Section 22949.80 will result in
7 enforcement actions against CSF, and/or expose CSF to liability in private civil
8 actions authorized by Section 22949.80, subjecting CSF to substantial monetary
9 penalties and other liabilities that could jeopardize CSF's mission and other lawful
10 activities.

11 20. CSF has consequently frozen many of our activities and events in
12 California. For example, due to concerns these activities *might* conceivably violate
13 Section 22949.80's prohibitions, CSF will no longer be utilizing youth shooting
14 groups for catering at our Annual Legislative Trap Shoot, conducting fundraising
15 events in California that include raffles and auctions for firearms and are attended
16 by youth, or donating to youth camps that focus on sporting skills development or
17 hunter education. CSF's inability to engage in such activities is likely to have a
18 substantial negative impact on CSF's mission in the State of California.

19 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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21 Executed this 18th day of October 2022.

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24 Jeff Crane

EXHIBIT 1



OUTDOOR HERITAGE REPORT

APRIL-JUNE 2022

FEATURING:

- Access & Opportunity
- Conservation
- Outdoor Heritage
- Future Generations

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO



The second quarter of 2022 has been an exciting time at the **Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF)**. With many of the state legislatures across the country now in recess, the summer is an appropriate moment to reflect on accomplishments and challenges we faced over the past few months.

In Washington, CSF's influence and consistent engagement on Capitol Hill resulted in a significant win for sportsmen's access and positive movement on the biggest investment in state-based conservation in a generation. In May, President Biden signed the long-awaited **MAPLand Act** into law. CSF's reach in the nation's capital resulted in overwhelming, bipartisan support in both chambers and represents a substantive access victory for America's 55 million sportsmen and women. Additionally, the **Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA)**, a landmark piece of legislation which will provide nearly \$1.4 billion annually to state fish and wildlife agencies for the conservation of more

than 12,000 at risk species, passed the House of Representatives. Since 2015, CSF's work alongside the **Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus (CSC)** has been a driving force behind RAWA, and despite this important step, we remain committed to ensuring that the thousands of hours spent championing this critical investment in state-based conservation results in RAWA passing Congress and being signed into law.

In the states, CSF's bipartisan advocacy produced significant results for America's outdoor heritage. Thanks to more than a decade of CSF's outreach, education, and direct engagement with decision makers, Maryland joined Virginia in expanding **Sunday hunting** this year, paving the way for more sportsmen and women to enjoy their hunting pursuits 7 days a week. CSF also worked with caucus members to pass important hunter education legislation in Colorado, while championing state-based conservation investments in Maryland and Louisiana. CSF's commitment to accessible outdoor opportunity also paid dividends as these efforts led to Utah, Oklahoma, and Vermont passing legislation authorizing the use of "hearing safe" hunting technology including air rifles, airbows, and suppressors. Finally in Georgia, CSF's efforts had a measurable impact through the enactment of pro-sportsmen bills including important no-net-loss regulations, that will ensure access to hunting and fishing lands and waters for generations to come.

Paired with CSF's advocacy efforts, our efforts to bring bipartisan

decision makers together with the sportsmen's community continued to play an important role in protecting our collective outdoor heritage. Of note were the **Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus Leadership Dinner**, our annual **Congressional Clays Competition**, and our **3rd Congressional Fishing Competition**. Each event provided great opportunities for partners, sponsors, and fellow advocates to join together with elected officials and staff members from the CSC to further strengthen the bonds within our community and provide a direct link to sportsmen's community advocates on Capitol Hill.

As spring turns into summer throughout the country, CSF will continue to carry forward the momentum established in the first half of the year. It is with the support of our bipartisan sportsmen's caucus members, our generous sponsors, and like-minded advocacy partners that all of this good work is possible. Please keep an eye out for our weekly publication, **The Sportsmen's Voice**, and join us for one of our informative webinar discussions this summer. From all of us here on North Carolina Ave, have a wonderful and safe summer!

Jeff Crane

President & CEO

Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation

SECOND QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

★ Recovering America's Wildlife Act Passes House of Representatives ★



On June 14, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) under a bipartisan vote. Led by CSC Co-Chair Rep. Debbie Dingell (MI), this landmark legislation seeks to provide nearly \$1.4 billion annually for proactive, non-regulatory conservation projects in every, state, territory, and on Tribal lands and waters. Since 2015, CSF has been instrumental in the development and advocacy of RAWA.

★ Louisiana Outdoors Forever Program Signed into Law ★

Championed by the Louisiana Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus and NASC Executive Council Member and Caucus Member Rep. Jerome Zeringue, HB 762, which establishes the Louisiana Outdoors Forever Program and the Louisiana Outdoors Forever Fund, passed the state's legislature in May and was signed into law by GSC Co-Chair Gov. John Bel Edwards in June. Prior to enactment, CSF submitted comments in support of the bill, which will establish a new conservation funding source that will allow Louisiana to leverage significantly more federal funds.



★ CSF Sunday Hunting Efforts Continue to Expand Access in Maryland ★



Throughout 2022, CSF has submitted written testimony to various committees in the state of Maryland in favor of numerous Sunday hunting bills which were put forward during the legislative session. On May 16, GSC Member Gov. Larry Hogan signed 7 such bills into law, which collectively will expand Sunday hunting in the counties of Talbot, Somerset, Calvert, Montgomery, Charles, Caroline, Dorchester, and Queen Anne's. The enactment of these various pieces of legislation will encourage and expand access and opportunity for sportsmen and women in the state.

★ Suppressor Hunting Now Legal in Vermont Thanks to CSF Leadership ★

In June, Governors Sportsmen's Caucus Member Gov. Phil Scott signed S. 281 into law. This legislation, championed by the Vermont Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, CSF, and the American Suppressor Association, marks the culmination of a decades-long effort to join Vermont with the 40 other states that already allow access to hearing protection through the use of suppressors. None of this would be possible without the steadfast commitment of Rep. Pat Brennan, who is the Vermont Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Co-Chair and a NASC Executive Council Member.



★ Top CSF Legislative Priorities Get Signed into Law in Colorado ★



On Thursday April 21, the Colorado Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus hosted Sportsmen's Day at the Capitol. During this event, CSF backed and Caucus sponsored legislation was signed into law including: HJR22-1017, which proclaimed April 21 as Sportsmen's Day in the Centennial State, HB22-1168, which allows public schools to offer hunter education as an elective, and HB22-1072, which permanently reauthorizes the Habitat Partnership Program.

SECOND QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS



Members of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus gather to participate in the 2022 Congressional Clays Competition at the Prince George's County Trap and Skeet Center.



CSF's Kent Keene attends a bill signing with GSC Member Gov. Kim Reynolds in Des Moines, Iowa.



CSF's Ellary TuckerWilliams speaks to a crowd of over 400 during the Sportsmen's Day At The Capitol in Denver, Colorado.



Teammates depart from the Eastport Yacht Club in Annapolis, Maryland in search of stripers during CSF's 3rd Annual Congressional Fishing Competition.

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ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY

PLACES TO HUNT, FISH, TRAP AND SHOOT

The 2nd quarter of 2022 demonstrated the value of persistence in working to secure access and opportunity for America's sportsmen and women. As we all know, the wheels of government turn slowly, and during the past few months, CSF has seen the culmination of years of hard work show returns for various efforts in Washington and throughout the country.

CSF kicked off its 2022 Summer Webinar Series with a discussion regarding the importance and benefits of sportsmen and women's access, particularly in states with severely limited public land. Attendees were treated to an informative presentation on the ways in which state fish and wildlife agencies and the sporting conservation community are working to increase access to private land, including through the programs that incentivize private landowners to provide access to their lands, and some of the hurdles facing public access that are being overcome along the way. CSF's Kent Keene and Mark Lance were joined for the webinar by Corey Jager from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and Carmen Miller of Ducks Unlimited's Great Plains Region.



At the end of April, President Biden signed H.R. 3113, the **Modernizing Access to Our Public Land Act (MAPLand)** into law. This bipartisan legislation will resolve issues surrounding inconsistent public land mapping information and lack of publicly accessible documents by authorizing needed financial resources for federal agencies to accelerate the modernization and digitization of data. MAPLand was introduced and championed in both bodies of Congress by Members of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus.

The good work did not stop there, as the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee unanimously passed S. 3266, the **America's Outdoor Recreation Act**. Led by CSC Vice Chair Senator Joe Manchin (WV) and CSC Member Senator John Barrasso (WY), this legislation includes a number of provisions, but of chief importance to the outdoor sporting community is the requirement of the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to maintain at least one public shooting range per district, provide financial assistance to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, and create a data pilot program which would provide real-time and predictive visitation information to the public, helping both public land users and managers.

Throughout America, legislators, especially members of the **National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC)**, worked hand in hand with CSF's **States Program Team (SPT)** to increase access

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and opportunity for sportsmen and women, while working to defeat short sighted and misguided legislation.

In the Midwest, SF 2312, which sought to cap the price that the Iowa DNR could pay when acquiring additional land from willing sellers, was defeated. CSF submitted a letter of opposition to the Iowa Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus for SF 2312, which highlighted the benefits of public lands. Elsewhere in the region, GSC Member Gov. Kevin Stitt signed SB 1571 into law, which was sponsored by NASC Executive Council Member and Oklahoma Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Co-Chair Sen. Mark Allen, and will authorize the use of airbows during Oklahoma's firearm hunting season and create an airbow conservation stamp. Also in Oklahoma, an effort to cap the amount of land the state and federal governments are authorized to own was defeated. While not directly engaging on this bill, CSF did work with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation on this issue and highlighted it in *The Sportsmen's Voice*.

In the northeast region, GSC Member Gov. Larry Hogan of Maryland signed into law **Sunday hunting** authorizations in 7 counties, joining Virginia in expanding access to the hunting community in 2022. For decades, CSF has successfully advocated to repeal outdated Sunday hunting laws throughout the country. Further north in the Green Mountain State, S.281, which contains a provision authorizing the use of suppressors while hunting for a 2 year period, was signed into law by GSC Member Gov. Phil Scott. This historic legislation was led by Vermont Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Co-Chair and NASC Executive Council Member Rep. Patrick Brennan.

Across the country in Utah, Senate Bill 205 was enacted, which will allow for the use of air rifles while hunting. This technology can decrease hearing loss as compared to traditional firearms, and CSF commends Utah for being the first state to implement an air gun permit that contributes directly to the **American System of Conservation Funding**.

Finally, in Georgia, a number of pro-sportsmen measures were signed into law by GSC Member Gov. Brian Kemp, most notably HB 1349, which extends the baseline date for the Georgia DNR's no-net-loss statute to protect acreage available for hunting opportunities on DNR managed state-owned lands. In support of the bill, CSF coordinated with in-state partners such as the Georgia DNR and the Georgia Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus. Because of this language, more than 200,000 acres will be incorporated into the state's minimum acreage of areas open to the public to hunt. This will ensure future Georgians will have the same level of access as is enjoyed today.

CONSERVATION

ENSURING HEALTHY HABITATS & WILDLIFE ABUNDANCE

In an era of political polarization, CSF was encouraged by all the strides made in Congress and throughout state houses during the first half of 2022. From funding priorities being met, to animal crossing corridors being protected, the impact of conservation and the need to ensure healthy habitats and wildlife abundance remains a priority throughout the United States.

Over the past few months, CSF's federal policy team continued its great work, chiefly reflected in the passage of RAWA through the House of Representatives. Since 2015, CSF has been a leading voice in moving this landmark legislation forward, and after a hearing in the Senate, CSF is working hard to secure a floor vote and to get this bill to the President's desk. If enacted, this bill will provide nearly \$1.4 billion annually for proactive, non-regulatory conservation projects in every state, territory, and on Tribal lands and waters. By fully funding congressionally mandated State Wildlife Action Plans, over 12,000 species of greatest conservation need can be conserved.

Also on Capitol Hill, the Department of the Interior announced \$38 million in funding for 40 fish passage projects throughout the country. This pro-fisheries stance was mirrored in H.R. 4521, the **America COMPETES Act**, where CSF has successfully advocated for the inclusion of the **Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act** into the larger COMPETES package. This language will eliminate the last of the large scale, antiquated drift gillnet fisheries in the U.S., and assist fishery participants in shifting to more targeted and efficient gear.

In addition to the great fisheries strides being made, a couple of CSF supported cervid and big game efforts made headway. During the 2nd week in May, the USDA announced a new partnership with the state of Wyoming to conserve big game migration corridors across the state. For the past few years, CSF and partners have been coordinating with USDA to encourage them to protect high priority corridors, such as these. On April 28, CSC Member Sen. John Hoeven

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(ND) and CSC Co-Chair Sen. Martin Heinrich (NM) introduced the Senate companion bill to the **Chronic Wasting Disease Research Management Act**. This bill seeks to address one of today's most significant wildlife conservation challenges by providing a \$70 million annual investment (FY2022-FY2028) in research and management efforts related to CWD. CSF also worked with stakeholders, partners, and legislators on the House version, which passed on a bipartisan vote of 393-33.

Conservation strides were also made in legislative bodies throughout the country during the spring of 2022. In Georgia, HB 1148 was signed into law by GSC Member Gov. Brian Kemp. This legislation, co-sponsored by Georgia Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Co-Chair Rep. David Knight, will strengthen Georgia's CWD strategy by prohibiting the importation and possession of certain cervidae carcasses or parts. Also in the southeast, NASC Executive Council Member Rep. Jerome Zeringue authored legislation that will establish and fund the **Louisiana Outdoors Forever Program**. This program will select projects to improve fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, and public sporting access in the "Sportsman's Paradise."

Along with the passage of pro-conservation efforts, multiple CSF opposed policies were defeated. In Missouri, CSF submitted an opposition letter and coordinated with in-state partners regarding legislation that sought to make the Missouri Conservation Commission a political body. And in Nebraska, a bill threatening the long-term viability of conservation easements was also not advanced.

Last but certainly not least, in Colorado, CSF championed legislation, SB22-151: **Safe Crossings for Colorado Wildlife and Motorists**, was signed into law. Every year in Colorado, approximately 14,000 wildlife-vehicle collisions occur, and this bill will address this issue by allocating \$5 million to Colorado DOT to facilitate high-priority wildlife crossing projects.



Despite support for the outdoor way of life in millions of homes throughout the country, the unfortunate reality is that a significant amount of the legislative efforts taken on by CSF's expert policy teams is in defense of hunting, angling, recreational shooting, and trapping. In a country that can often feel divided, CSF emphasizes working on both sides of the aisle to educate legislators and inform science-based policy.

In the western United States, multiple efforts to undermine the **North American Model of Wildlife Conservation** were on the radar in Q2. On April 21, victory was achieved in California when the state's Fish and Game Commission unanimously rejected Petition 2021-027, which would have eliminated all bear hunting in the state. Despite the best available data pointing to an abundant and stable black bear population, a preservationist organization still put forth and promoted the petition. CSF and partners mobilized through engagement of the

commission in support of science-based management. Also in the Golden State, proponents of a twice defeated firearm ammunition and tax bill once again utilized procedural maneuvers to try to bring this legislation back to life. CSF is actively working to oppose this short-sighted policy, which could disincentive purchases and thus harm wildlife via the **American System of Conservation Funding**.

Also in the West, CSF submitted comments on a new initiative to end hunting, fishing, and trapping in Oregon. If this sounds familiar, that is because the new Initiative Petition 3 is a carbon copy of Initiative Petition 13, which failed to make the 2022 ballot in Oregon. As a member of the Oregon

Sportsmen's Conservation Partnership, CSF is actively working against this petition and its outrageous intent.

In Colorado, hundreds gathered for the **Sportsmen's Day at the Capitol**, where Gov. Polis signed into law HB22-1168 (more on this in Future Generations). In addition to the bill signing ceremony, the Colorado Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus hosted a wild game cook-out and April 21 was officially designated as Sportsmen's Day.

Across the southeast, CSF effectively engaged legislatures to protect trapping. In Virginia, after strong opposition from CSF and the sporting community, HB 1247, which sought to ban

predator hunting tournaments, never made it out of committee. And in Georgia, CSF coordinated with in-state partners to support HB 1147, which allows for the trapping and hunting (on private land) of raccoons and opossums year-round. This bill was signed into law by GSC Member Gov. Brian Kemp on May 10.



FUTURE GENERATIONS

While CSF's mission is to work with Congress, governors, and state legislatures to protect and advance hunting, angling, recreational shooting and trapping, we understand that all our efforts will be for naught without engagement from the next generation on these issues. In an increasingly indoor and technologically connected society, it is more important than ever before to invest in the future of conservation via our young men and women.

During the 2nd quarter of 2022, America's heartland took the lead in emphasizing the importance of future generations. Starting in Iowa, GSC Member Gov. Kim Reynolds signed SF 2334 into law, which legalizes the use of .410 bore and 28 gauge shotguns during Iowa's turkey season. CSF advocated for this legislation via the submission of a letter of support, coordinating with partner organizations and industry allies, and working with the National Shooting Sports Foundation to organize a signing ceremony. The passage of this law represents a great opportunity to **recruit new hunters and reactivate lapsed hunters** who may have stopped participating in turkey hunting due to recoil issues.

In Kansas, HB 2456 was signed into law on April 25. This bill, worked on by CSF in conjunction with leaders of the Kansas Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, will create lifetime licenses for youths from 0-7 in the Sunflower State. Also in Topeka, sportsmen and women gathered with the Kansas Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus for **Camo Day at the Capitol**. In an effort to get out the message of sporting community as the original conservationist, it is important for hunters, anglers, trappers, and recreational shooters to be seen and heard. While agencies invest heavily in R3 efforts, it is just as important for the community itself to promote these traditions.

Across the eastern border in Missouri, a bill that includes a provision designating archery as the official state sport is awaiting approval from GSC Member Gov. Mike Parson. CSF submitted testimony in favor of this legislation as it

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represents an opportunity to highlight time-honored outdoor traditions and raise awareness about sporting pursuits for the next generation.

Additionally, 17 states across the country celebrated **free fishing days** in June. While these initiatives don't immediately contribute to state wildlife revenues, they play an important role in exposing newcomers to fishing and strengthening angler bases across the United States. CSF highlighted these free fishing days in the June 13 edition of *The Sportsmen's Voice*.

Finally in Colorado, CSF and Colorado Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus members were in attendance for the signing of HB22-1168, Public School Hunter Education Seventh Grade Course, which will allow public schools to offer hunter education as an elective. This CSF priority will help out children who are inadvertently excluded from taking hunter education based on parent's work schedules or other socioeconomic limitations. CSF testified on behalf of this bill in the Colorado General Assembly.



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Hunting, fishing, shooting and trapping pursuits are freedoms granted to all Americans. They unite friends, families and countrymen and provide us all the opportunity to be more than spectators in our nation's great outdoors. But these rights risk being taken for granted. Access to public lands, game management and habitat conservation are in jeopardy. Policies and legislation – intentional or not – threaten to limit our rights.

CSF is our nation's most effective outdoor advocacy organization. Working to protect our traditions in four key areas – Access & Opportunity, Conservation, Outdoor Heritage, and Future Generations – we monitor more than 10,000 policy proposals each year and have been influential in passing over 700 pieces of pro-sportsmen legislation at both the state and federal levels since 2018.

For more than 30 years, the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation has been the nation's leading authority in developing and defending legislation that protects and advances our outdoor traditions. We bring together outdoor businesses, trade associations, non-profits and concerned individuals to educate, engage, and support the policy makers advocating on behalf of America's sportsmen and women.

We achieve our mission by working directly with our unprecedented network of 2,500+ bipartisan, pro-sportsmen elected officials operating at both the federal and state levels across three powerful caucuses.

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 <p>Approximately 250 bipartisan members currently make up one of the largest and most effective caucuses in the US Congress.</p> <p>FEDERAL</p>	 <p>A thirty member bipartisan caucus unites to advance pro-sportsmen legislative and regulatory agenda in state capitals across the country.</p> <p>GOVERNORS</p>	 <p>Forty-nine bipartisan state sportsmen's caucuses with more than 2,000 state legislators nationwide are joined under the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses umbrella.</p> <p>STATE</p>
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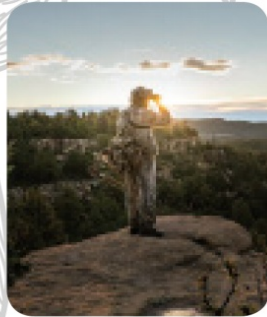


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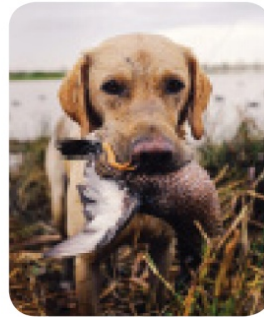
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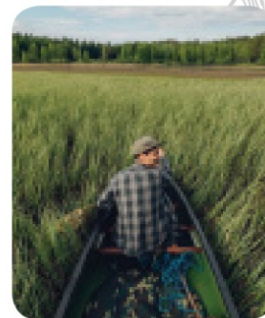
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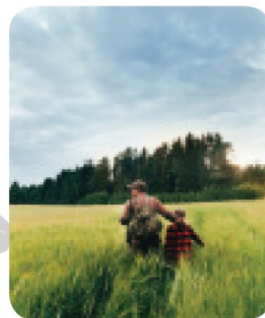
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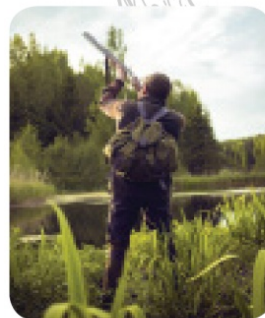
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO



It is hard to believe that we are already a quarter of the way into the new year, but as evidenced by the blooming of cherry blossoms and the swapping of duck decoys for turkey calls, spring is most assuredly upon us here in the Nation's Capital. The beginning of legislative sessions around the country has provided a flurry of opportunities for us at the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF) to engage in the policy process.

Because of the great work our Federal and States Policy Teams are doing, CSF is continuing in our purpose as the trusted voice for the American sportsmen and women to inform, influence, and defend policies that protect and promote outdoor traditions.

The following pages will provide you with a high-level look at our work to develop access and opportunity, further conservation efforts, defend our way of life, and ensure the future of our outdoor heritage.

While the new year has brought much in the way of policy work, it has also provided numerous opportunities for CSF to continue to grow individually and develop our partnerships broadly. In January, I was honored to address the 40th Anniversary Convention of the Dallas Safari Club, an organization with whom we have had a long-standing relationship. Additionally, I had the privilege of being a special guest, representing the sportsmen's community, during the Black Rifle Coffee Company's (BRCC) debut on the New York Stock Exchange. As you may know, BRCC CEO Evan Hafer is on the Board of Directors at CSF, and as an avid outdoorsman, he has made conservation a priority at BRCC. This was emphasized by the \$50,000 donation that Evan and his team at BRCC

presented to CSF during the debut ceremony.

Also in the new year, CSF has been proud to unveil our new brand identity, which provides a fresh spin on our look and help us move forward in our mission to be the informed authority across outdoor issues.

On behalf of everyone here at CSF, we want to thank you for your time and attention to the important work we are doing. Of course, none of this would be possible without our great legislative partners at the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, the Governors Sportsmen's Caucus, and the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses. It is because of these relationships that you can rest assured that the voice of the hunter, angler, recreational shooter, and trapper, is being heard and that CSF is affecting positive change for the benefit of our shared outdoor heritage.

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Jeff Crane

President & CEO

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REMEMBERING CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG

"OUR HEARTS ARE HEAVY WITH THE RECENT PASSING OF OUR DEAR FRIEND AND FOUNDER OF THE CONGRESSIONAL SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS. WE, AT CSF, PROMISE TO CARRY ON CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG'S CONSERVATION LEGACY ."

On March 18, Congressman Don Young (AK), an avid outdoorsman, a master legislator, a conservation legend, and a founding member of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, unexpectedly passed away at the age of 88.

Congressman Young, who would more than occasionally remind those around him that he was the Congressman for ALL of Alaska, served Alaska and the United States as a member of Congress for nearly 50 years from 1973 until the time of his passing. In 2017, Congressman Young earned the title of "Dean of the House" in recognition of being the longest serving current member of Congress, a title he held until his passing. Prior to becoming the longest serving Republican in the history of Congress, Congressman Young served in the U.S. Army, and was a tugboat captain, trapper, mayor, and a fifth-grade teacher.

During his time in Congress, Congressman Young Chaired the House Natural Resources Committee from 1995 – 2001 and Chaired the House Transportation

Committee from 2001 – 2007. Prior to Chairing the Natural Resources Committee and the Transportation Committee, the Dean was a founding member of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, which he later Chaired, and served as a leading member until his passing. Without Congressman Young's foresight and wisdom, the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus undoubtedly would not be the powerful, bipartisan consortium it has grown into today.

Throughout his tenure in Congress, Congressman Young's commitment to sportsmen and women was profound. The Dean championed countless pieces of legislation of importance to sportsmen and women, including the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act, Wallop-Breaux Act, sportfishing and recreational boating safety legislation, among other enduring legislative efforts, all of which continue to have a profoundly positive impact on America's 55 million sportsmen and women.

While the Dean's Congressional resumé is one of the most impressive in the history of the legislative body, Congressman Young may be best known for his larger-than-life personality. The rare and often unparalleled personality traits of Congressman Young gave him the unique ability to relate to people of all walks of life and an even more uncanny ability to transcend partisan lines to problem solve, advance legislation, and most importantly, develop lifelong friendships. This personality was routinely on display at events hosted by the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, including the Congressional Clays Competition, where the Dean could often be found heckling participants for missing a clay target. The personality and charisma of Congressman Young will never be replaced.

FIRST QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday Hunting Victory in Virginia

The culmination of years of hard work by our Southeastern States Team, Governor Youngkin signed legislation into law on April 5 to allow Sunday hunting on public lands. Senate Bill 8, the fourth public lands Sunday hunting bill introduced in the commonwealth in three years, passed the Senate on January 24 and the House of Delegates on March 7. Along with national and in-state partners, CSF engaged with lawmakers throughout the process and submitted multiple letters of support. Passed along strong bipartisan lines, this legislation will open over 2 million acres of public land for Virginia's hunters. CSF would especially like to thank **Sen. Chap Petersen** and Virginia Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Co-Chair **Del. James Edmunds** for their leadership on this issue.

New Branding

At SHOT Show 2022 in Las Vegas, CSF debuted an updated brand identity. In order to continue its mission of being the informed authority across outdoor issues, the brand refresh will help to raise awareness of the work CSF is doing, aid in development, and lend itself to the overarching communications campaign. The updated identity includes refreshed logos, new print concepts, and branded materials.

Wins Against Antis

Guided by the science-based principles of wildlife management, our policy teams remain hard at work fending off attacks on the sportsmen's way of life. The beginning of the year has seen attempts by anti-hunting and trapping groups to exert influence through legislation and the regulatory process. CSF has worked hard to defeat anti-sportsmen efforts in New Hampshire, Colorado, and California, among others.

Positive Momentum on Capitol Hill

Despite turbulent times in Washington, D.C., CSF has been proud to see a number of conservation priorities move forward in the new year, chiefly the passage of the **Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA)** out of the House Natural Resources Committee. RAWA is a proactive piece of legislation that will invest over a billion dollars annually in state fish and wildlife agencies. Additionally, the first quarter saw the confirmation of CSF-backed **Martha Williams** and **Dr. Homer Wilkes** as USFWS Director and Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, respectively.

FIRST QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS



CSF's Jeff Crane accepts a donation at the New York Stock Exchange from BRCC CEO and CSF Board Member Evan Hafer



Author Jack Carr and CSF's PJ Carleton show off CSF's new branding at the SCI Convention



CSF's Ellary TuckerWilliams speaks to a crowd of over 200 gathered at the Colorado State Capitol in Denver in support of science-based wildlife management.



CSF's Jeff Crane speaks at the Dallas Safari Club's 40th Anniversary Convention

ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY

PLACES TO HUNT, FISH, TRAP AND SHOOT

Strong Vote Guides MAPLand Act out of House

The MAPLand Act will authorize much needed financial resources over three years for the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, and Army to accelerate the modernization and digitization of public land mapping information. The MAPLand Act also requires that public land management agencies make their information available on their respective websites to be easily accessible. This will allow sportsmen and women to more fully utilize GPS and other technology to enhance their recreational experiences on federal lands. On March 15, the MAPLand Act passed the House on a bipartisan vote of 414-9.

Federal Agencies Reestablish Important Land Access Program

In February, the Department of Interior and the U.S. Forest Service signed an agreement to formally reestablish the **Federal Lands Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA)**. The FLTFA is a land exchange program that will see the proceeds of sales by the Bureau of Land Management contributed to an account for the purchase of high priority areas surrounding established federal lands in 11 western states and Alaska. "CSF was proud to work with members of the **Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus** to improve FLTFA by making U.S. Forest Service access projects eligible for the program as part of our larger goal of 'Making Public Lands Public.' We applaud the agencies for taking this important step," said CSF President and CEO Jeff Crane.

CSF and Like-Minded Organizations Urged USFWS to Maintain Access for Sportsmen

In 2020, the Department of the Interior announced a final rule to increase public access opportunities for sportsmen and women across 2.3 million acres at 138 national wildlife refuges and nine national fish hatcheries. However, in the intervening years the USFWS has been sued by an anti-hunting organization to stop the implementation of this rule. CSF along with 40 of the nation's leading hunting, fishing, and conservation organizations sent a letter to Director Martha Williams urging USFWS to reject any settlement of pending litigation. Hunting and fishing are essential to funding and maintaining the **National Wildlife Refuge System**, and to conserving the wildlife that inhabits the refuges and adjacent state lands.

State Officials Urged to Support Wolf Hunting and Trapping

In Michigan, CSF testified before the House Natural Resources Committee in favor of **Senate Concurrent Resolution 7**. This resolution supports hunting and trapping of the gray wolf as part of Michigan's Wildlife Management Plan. At time of publishing this report, this resolution had been adopted by the Michigan House of Representatives.

Georgia Puts Forward Pro-Sportsmen Legislation

Three bills sponsored by numerous members of the **Georgia Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus** were introduced in the first quarter of 2022. If passed these bills will allow for the hunting and trapping of raccoons and opossums year-round in Georgia, strengthen Georgia's Chronic Wasting Diseases prevention strategy, and extend the baseline date for Georgia DNR's No-Net-Loss statute. Combined, these bills represent continued leadership by lawmakers in the Peach State on policy issues of concern to the sporting community.

Sunday Hunting Advances in South Carolina

In concert with the South Carolina Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, CSF is working to support legislation (HB 4614) that would allow Sunday hunting on Wildlife Management Areas. The bill cleared a major legislative hurdle in March and is moving forward in the House of Representatives. The bill would facilitate seven day access for South Carolina's hunters on more than 1.2 million acres of public land.



CONSERVATION

ENSURING HEALTHY HABITATS & WILDLIFE ABUNDANCE

CSF and Partners make their voices heard

The first quarter of 2022 was a busy time on Capitol Hill, as evidenced by the numerous actions taken by CSF and partners on behalf of the 55 million American sportsmen and women.

In March, CSF along with 50 of the nation's leading sporting-conservation organizations, sent a letter to the Biden-Harris Administration urging the strategic implementation of the **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Act)**. As a result of efforts by CSF, last year's passage of the Act included over \$40 billion in funding for some of the most important access and conservation projects in the country. The letter outlined six key areas for the administration to focus on during the implementation process.

Also in March, CSF along with 44 members of the Hunt Fish 30x30 Coalition, submitted formal recommendations in response to a Federal Register Comment Request regarding the America the Beautiful Initiative (ATB) and its forthcoming American Conservation and Stewardship Atlas. Through the Hunt Fish 30x30 Coalition, our nation's leading sporting-conservation organizations are working tirelessly to ensure the voice of America's 55 million sportsmen and women are heard and considered as the Biden-Harris Administration continues to develop the ATB initiative. On March 22, ATB also served as the topic for CSF's first virtual policy forum of 2022.

Important Legislation Moves through Congress

In the new year, multiple CSF-backed bills made progress on Capitol Hill. Notably, the House Committee on Natural Resources (Committee) passed the **Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA)**, a top CSF priority. Led by CSC Co-Chair Rep. **Debbie Dingell (MI)**, the bill passed the Committee on a bipartisan vote. The funding provided by RAWA has the potential to aid state-led efforts to conserve over 12,000 species of Greatest Conservation Need, including the Northern Bobwhite quail and the gopher tortoise.

Also, from the Committee came the passage of the **Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Reauthorization Act of 2021 (GLWRA)**, which seeks to reauthorize the GLWRA program at \$6 million annually through FY 2027. This important piece of legislation will provide federal funding to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to work with stakeholders in the Great Lakes Region to conduct fish and wildlife restoration programs.

Finally, CSF joined a letter of support urging Senate leadership to pass the **Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act**. Addressing the damaging fishing practice of large mesh drift gillnets, this legislation will modernize the swordfish fishery off the California coast and reduce harmful and wasteful bycatch.

States make conservation funding a priority:

For over 80 years, sportsmen and women have played a crucial role in funding conservation efforts in the United States through the **American System of Conservation Funding (ASCF)**, a "user pays -- public benefits" structure, in which those that consumptively use public resources pay for the privilege to do so. In the first quarter of 2022, Massachusetts and Mississippi recognized the crucial economic role that sportsmen and women play by advancing legislation that invests in the future of conservation.

In **Massachusetts**, Governor Charlie Baker's proposed budget not only includes the removal of Sunday hunting restrictions for deer during archery season and a reduction in archery discharge distance, but also puts forward a provision that would require the Inland Fisheries and Game Fund to be annually reimbursed for the 27,000 free license that are given to residents aged 70 and over.

Additionally in Mississippi, multiple dedicated conservation funding bills were passed out of the House and Senate. These bills, championed by NASC Executive Council Member Rep. **Scott Bounds** and Mississippi Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Member Rep. **Trey Lamar** and Caucus Co-Chair Sen. **Neil Whaley**, would establish the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund.



As is too often the case, much of the work conducted during Q1 of 2022 at CSF was in defense of our sporting heritage. In an ideal world, more energies and resources could be focused on increasing access, securing the future, and investing in conservation, but in reality, CSF's work as the trusted voice on all outdoor issues positions the organization to play a critical role in standing up for sportsmen and women's rights.

Sporting Dogs in the Crosshairs

In Maryland and New Hampshire, CSF submitted written testimony against bills that would limit the amount of time an owner can allow its dog to spend outside and prohibit individuals and sporting dog clubs from the live taking of snowshoe hares or rabbits for the purpose of training, respectively. In late January, the New Hampshire bill died in Committee.

CSF Responds to Commission Challenges

Whether it be proposals to amend commission structures or attempts by the **anti-hunting community** to influence the regulatory process, CSF is remaining vigilant against threats to our Outdoor Heritage. In Missouri, CSF submitted a formal letter of opposition to **House Joint Resolution 107**, which would reorganize the Missouri Conservation Commission into an elected body. This move could politicize the body, opening the door to potential intrusion by opponents of hunting, trapping, and fishing.

Elsewhere, in Arizona, CSF is closely monitoring the comments being received by the Arizona Game and Fish

Commission regarding the proposed Hunt Guidelines for the Fall 2023-Spring 2028 Hunting Seasons. Anti-Hunting organizations are making every effort to inundate the Commission with **unscientific requests to ban the spring black bear hunt and significantly shorten the mountain lion hunting season**, amongst many others. In most states, fish and wildlife agencies are the entities best equipped to address fish and wildlife management issues within their respective borders. To that end, CSF submitted a letter urging the Game and Fish Commission to move forward with the science-based Hunt Guidelines as proposed.

Sportsmen Band Together

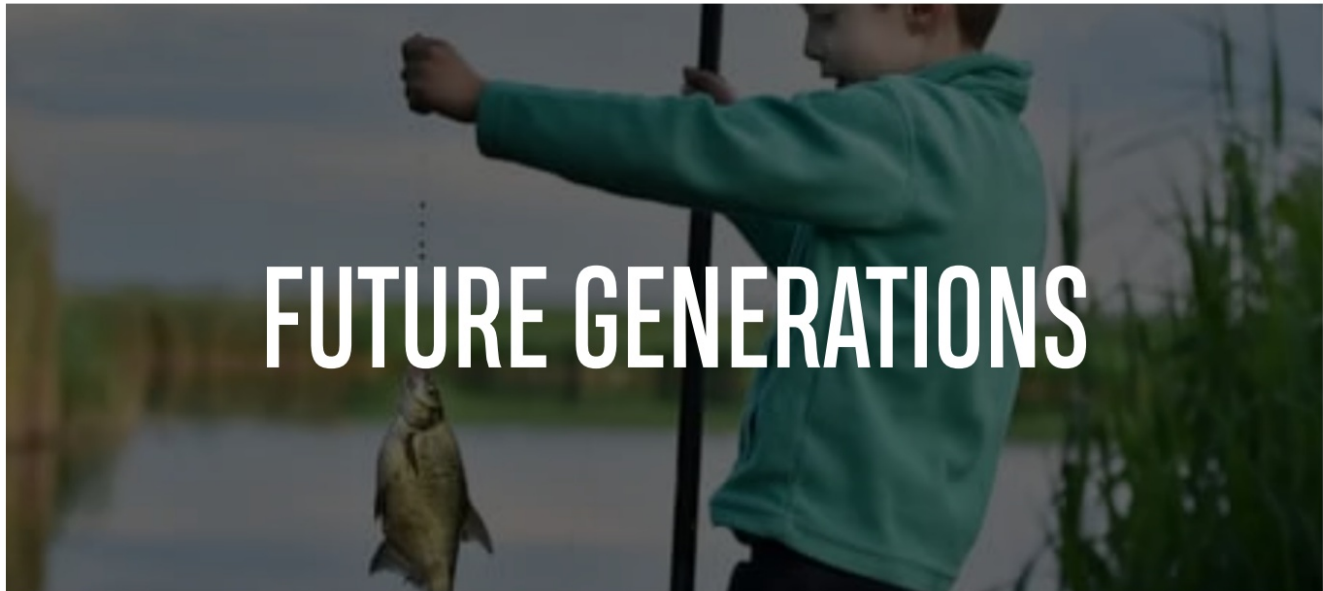
From predator management to tax bills and everything in between, Q1 saw a barrage of attacks on the outdoor sporting community. Together with partners across the country, CSF stepped up to defend the sportsmen's way of life.

In California, an attempt to impose an additional 10-11% tax on all firearm and ammunition sales was defeated. If passed, said legislation would have driven up costs and thus deterred purchase, having a direct and negative impact on California's wildlife, who rely on conservation dollars. CSF provided testimony before the Assembly and joined with coalition partners to submit letters of opposition. Also in California, CSF is part of an effort by over 20 local and national organizations **opposing the closure of the hunting season for black bears in the Golden State.**

In Colorado, hunting, angling, and conservation organizations joined together to form the **Colorado Wildlife Conservation Project (CWCP)** in response to the introduction of legislation which would have prohibited the hunting of Bobcat, Lynx, and Mountain Lion. As a member of CWCP, CSF provided testimony, submitted a coalition letter of opposition, and took an active role in a press conference on the steps of the Capitol. Colorado Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Co-Chairs **Sen. Dennis Hisey** and **Rep. Perry Will** addressed the more than 200 gathered in attendance.

As attacks on our outdoor heritage continue, sportsmen and women across the country are banding together. **In Vermont**, CSF fought against three restrictive, anti-sportsmen's bills that would have banned the use of dogs while coyote hunting, eliminated the use of foothold traps, and restructured the Fish and Wildlife Board. CSF submitted a letter of opposition and testified against all three bills during a public hearing. Ultimately, they were all defanged in Committee.

In Oregon, proponents of Initiative Petition 13, which would ban all hunting, fishing and trapping in the state, have abandoned efforts to qualify the measure for the 2022 ballot, and have instead refiled a similar initiative for 2024. CSF has been working in opposition to the initiative since it was filed, and serves on the steering committee for the sportsmen's opposition campaign.



Guided by the desire to inspire a new generation of sportsmen and women to take up hunting, angling, trapping, and recreational shooting as a way of life, CSF was heartened to see a variety of positive momentum in the first quarter of 2022.

Kansas House Bill 2456 (HB2456), which would create a lifetime combination hunting and angling license for youth up to seven years of age, was passed by the Kansas Legislature on March 31. Introduced by Kansas Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus (KLSC) Co-Chair **Rep. Ken Corbet**, HB2456 represents an opportunity for adults in Kansas to invest in the future of conservation today. CSF worked closely with Rep. Corbet, the KLSC, and state agency officials to ensure that this bill achieved the desired goals while protecting the ASCF. In February, CSF led the development and submission of a letter of support for HB2456 to the KLSC.

Also in the Sunflower State, CSF testified before the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs in support of **Senate Bill 522** (SB 522). This bill would require the Kansas State Board of Education to standardize a firearm safety education course to be made available to school districts. This curriculum presents an opportunity to complement ongoing hunter **recruitment, retention, and reactivation (R3)** efforts.

Staying in the Midwest, the **Iowa** Legislature has passed **Senate Bill 2334**, which will allow the use of .410-bore and 28-gauge shotguns during the Hawkeye State's turkey season. Managed in each chamber by Iowa Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus (ILSC) Co-Chairs Sen. Chris Cournoyer and Rep. Terry Baxter, SB 2334 passed unanimously in both legislative chambers and with wide support from the sportsmen's community. Prior to the passage of SB 2334, CSF submitted a letter of support to members of the ILSC.

Finally in **Colorado**, HB22-1168 which would provide public schools with the opportunity to offer hunter education as an elective with parental approval, advanced out of the House and Senate with strong bipartisan support. Sponsored by several legislators

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including Colorado Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Co-Chair Rep. Perry Will and co-sponsored by Co-Chairs Sen. Dennis Hisey and Sen. Jeff Bridges, HB22-1168 is on its way to the Governors desk with only 9 total legislators voting against the bill. CSF testified in support of HB22-1168 in both committees and signed onto a coalition letter with 16 other sporting-conservation organizations in strong support of this historic legislation. HB22-1168's success is a direct result of several years of persistence and CSF happy to see the hard work come to fruition.



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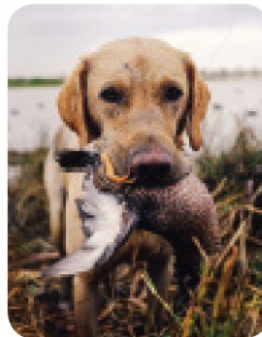
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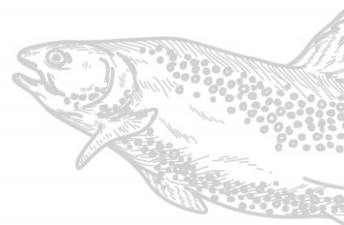
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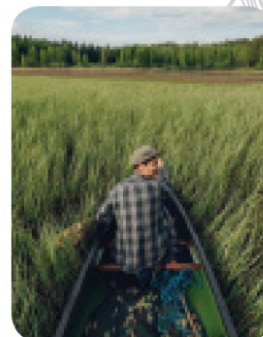
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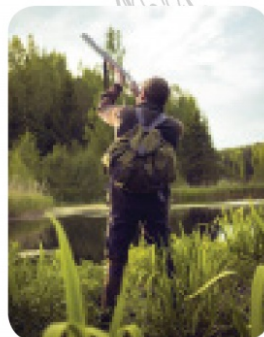
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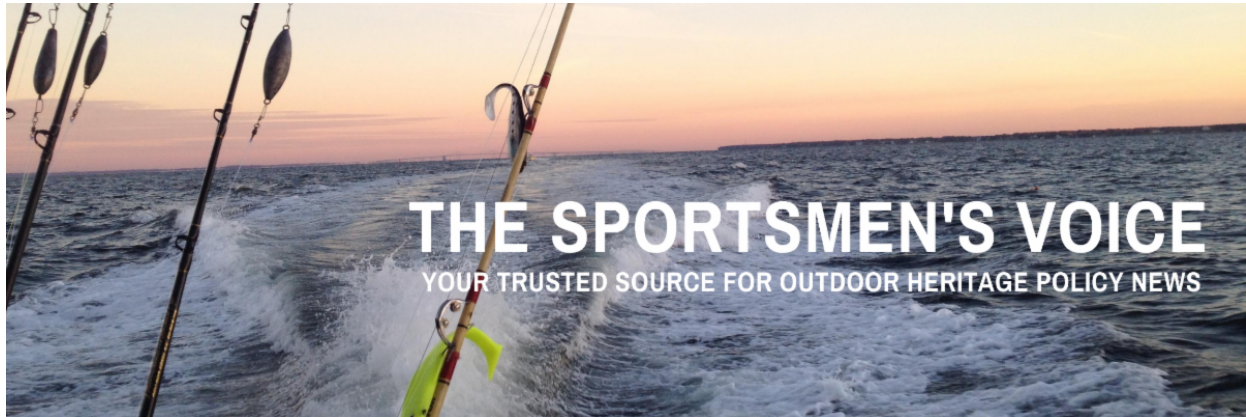
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CSF News

In the States:

Midwest

Calling the Hogs

Politics Continue to Dictate New Jersey Black Bear Hunt

Southeast

Tennessee Quail Habitat Restoration Project Meets Opposition - Public Meeting Scheduled

West

Arizona Secures US Fish and Wildlife Service Funding to Support Sport Fish Stocking Program

Other News:

CSF Job Announcements:

- Policy & Communications Coordinator
- Brad Rowse Policy Fellow Interns
- Event and Development Intern

Registration Now Open for the 18th Annual NASC Sportsman-Legislator Summit



Hook and Bullet Soundbites -

Industry news from our friends and neighbors

Pheasants Forever Releases Annual Pheasant Hunting Forecast (Pheasants Forever)

MassWildlife to Hold Public Hearing on New and Improved Pheasant/Quail Regulations (Mass.gov)

Deer Season is Big Business in the Lowcountry (Bluffton Today)

Kentucky Takes Action to Protect Deer and Elk in the Commonwealth after a Tennessee Deer Tested Positive for CWD (The Lake News)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to Explore Relisting the Gray Wolf (Montana Free Press)

Animal Rights vs Hunters—Who Really Helps Animals? (Forbes)

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