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On Capitol Hill

House Natural Resources Committee to Hold Hearing on Two Critical Conservation Bills

On Thursday, February 15, at 2:30 PM EST, the House Natural Resources Committee will hold a legislative hearing to discuss the Modernizing the Pittman-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow's Needs Act of 2017 (H.R. 2591) as well as the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (H.R. 4647), two important bills for enhancing fish and wildlife conservation. H.R. 2591, introduced by Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus (CSC) Vice-Chair Congressman Austin Scott (GA), would amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to allow states to use those funds for hunter recruitment and retention efforts. H.R. 4647, introduced by CSC Members Congressman Jeff Fortenberry (NE) and Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (MI), would direct an additional \$1.3 billion in funding for conservation of 12,000 at risk species identified in state wildlife action plans.

Gulf of Mexico Anglers Could See Longer Red Snapper Fishing Seasons

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council met in New Orleans, Louisiana, during the week of January 29. Several notable actions made by the Council are intended to enhance the 2018 season and beyond for recreational anglers in the Gulf of Mexico. [Read More > >](#)

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A Day Afield with the Sisterhood of the Outdoors

CSF Vice President Appointed to Serve on International Wildlife Conservation Council

Recently, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF) Vice President Gary Kania was appointed by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke to serve on the International Wildlife Conservation Council (IWCC).

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Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus Leaders Gather for Annual Dinner, Discuss Policy Priorities

On February 5, the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF) hosted the annual Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus (CSC) Leadership Dinner, which gathered current and former CSC leaders with CSF partners and supporters from the sportsmen's community to discuss policy priorities for the year. [Read More > >](#)

In the States

Alabama: Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Hosts Annual Luncheon

On January 31, the Alabama Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus hosted their annual luncheon on the Capitol Lawn. Organized by the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF), the event brought together over 400 people... [Read More > >](#)

California: Additional Funding Explored for Department of Fish and Wildlife

In recent years, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has grappled with financial shortfalls as a result of declining hunting and fishing license sales and an extensive backlog of deferred maintenance. [Read More > >](#)

Kansas: Governor Colyer Takes Office, Joins Governors Sportsmen's Caucus

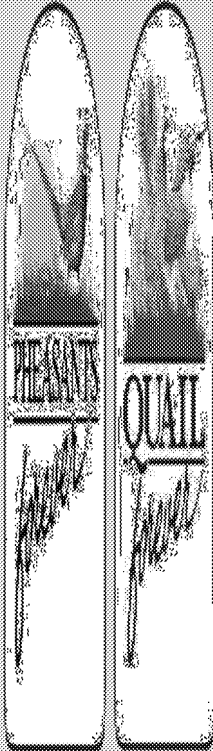
On January 31, former Lieutenant Governor Dr. Jeff Colyer was sworn in as Kansas's 47th Governor. He assumed the office from former Governor Sam Brownback, who was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on January 24 as the U.S. Ambassador-At-Large for International Religious Freedom. [Read More > >](#)

Maryland: Statewide Sunday Hunting Bill Announced at Fourth Annual Blaze and Camo Day

On February 1, the Maryland Hunting Coalition hosted its annual "Blaze and Camo Day" at the Maryland State Capitol in Annapolis. Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF) Mid-Atlantic States Coordinator Kara Hartman attended the event along with various outdoor enthusiasts... [Read More > >](#)

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Mission Partner Spotlight



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Missouri: CSF Presents at Conservation Federation of Missouri Media Camp

On February 6, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF) Central Midwestern States Coordinator Joel Hodgdon, spoke at a luncheon during the Conservation Federation of Missouri's (CFM) annual Media Camp event. [Read More > >](#)

South Carolina: Legislation Introduced to Reauthorize Conservation Bank

On January 25, the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses (NASC) Vice-President Representative Brian White introduced legislation (HB 4727) to reauthorize the South Carolina Conservation Bank.

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Tennessee: Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus Holds Inaugural Wild Game Dinner

On February 6, the bipartisan and bicameral Tennessee Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus hosted an inaugural Wild Game Dinner in the War Memorial Auditorium in downtown Nashville, Tennessee.

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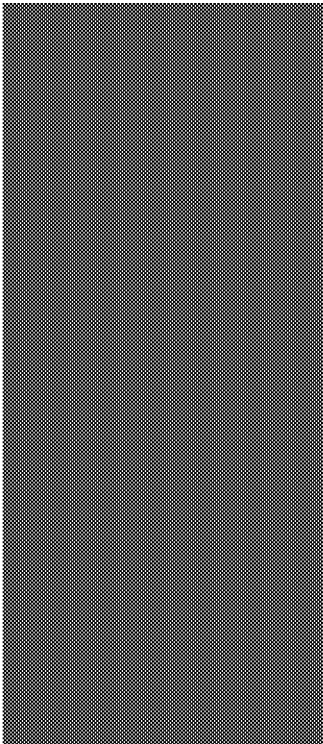
West Virginia: Sportsmen's Caucus Hosts Breakfast in Charleston

On February 7, the West Virginia Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus hosted a policy breakfast at the State Capitol in Charleston. Fifteen members of the Sportsmen's Caucus, representatives from in-state sportsmen's groups, and the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources attended the event... [Read More > >](#)

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CSF Hosts Reception at Safari Club International Convention

On February 2, the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF) hosted a reception during the annual Safari Club International (SCI) Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. [Read More > >](#)



Rep. Jeff Duncan (SC), CSF's Jeff Crane, SCI's Paul Babaz, NRA's Chris Cox



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