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Sportsmen's Capitol Update

The Regular Session of the General Assembly began on Wednesday
The Governor's Address before the Joint Session is available [HERE](#)

About 150 bills or so dropped this week. Click on the bill report button below for bills of interest to Sportsmen this week. Legislators may file any bill they'd like at the beginning of a session, so the vast majority of bills will die on the calendar. The final Committee deadlines and overall schedule have not yet been posted but will be included in a future Capitol Update along with the significance of key dates.

Bill Report Jan 7, 2023

2023 Environment Committee Membership

LEADERSHIP

S06 Lopes, Rick - Co-Chair
121 Gresko, Joseph P. - Co-Chair
S13 Hochadel, Jan - Vice Chair*
036 Palm, Christine - Vice Chair
S30 Harding, Stephen - Ranking Member
108 Callahan, Patrick E. - Ranking Member

**Previous Sportsmen's Update listed Sen Derek Slap as Vice Chair. Sen Hochadel is Vice Chair this year. If you have sent an email already, you do not need to resend it.*

MEMBERS

062 Anderson, Mark	064 Horn, Maria P.
WS03 Anwar, Saud	116 McGee, Trenee
151 Arzeno, Hector	146 Michel, David
041 Bumgardner, Aundre	085 Mushinsky, Mary M.
033 Chafee, Brandon	125 O Dea, Tom

022 Cooley, Francis	101 Parker, John-Michael
120 Dancho, Laura	076 Piscopo, John E.
021 Demicco, Mike	098 Rader, Moira
092 Dillon, Patricia A.	066 Reddington-Hughes, Karen
Y047 Dubitsky, Doug	075 Reyes, Geraldo C.
130 Felipe, Antonio	139 Ryan, Kevin
S23 Gaston, Herron	118 Smith, Frank
069 Harrison, Cindy	030 Veach, Donna

You can catch Environment Committee meetings and hearings, which convene on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, live or on demand at the [Environment Committee's YouTube Channel](#).

[HERE](#) is the link to the Environment Committee Homepage

Sunday Hunting in 2023

Keith Cagle and Chas Catina from the Friends of Connecticut Sportsmen Board and Julie Cammarata, lobbyist, met with new Environment Committee leadership on December 27th to ask for a public hearing on a bill to eliminate the prohibition on Sunday hunting in Connecticut. While there are many battles for the sportsmen's community to fight and win, few will positively impact our member-community more than removing this antiquated restriction.

Please reach out to the Co-Chairs, Vice Chairs and Ranking Members of the Environment Committee to urge them to raise and hear a bill to simply lift the Sunday hunting prohibition. Then forward a copy of that email to your State Representative and Senator.

- Access a sample email to send to the Environment Committee leaders [HERE](#), including email addresses (NOTE: Correction included in the linked sample replacing Sen Slap with Sen Hochadel as Vice Chair)
 - Please feel free to use your own words and if you represent a group, say so
 - Club Presidents are urged to send a letter, referencing the number of your club's members
 - Share this with any sportsmen you know and ask them to send an email as well
- Look up your State Representative and Senator by your home address [HERE](#). Share a copy of your email to the Committee with them.

For more background and context on Sunday hunting restrictions, [check out this resource](#) by the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus.

The best way for us to break through the barriers that have impeded the rights of hunters is to be active and persistent as individuals and clubs. Each contact from a sportsman represents a voting constituency within the district in the eyes of legislators. When we don't speak up, we cannot be surprised by our lack of progress. We'll stop pushing as soon as we win.