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## **Rep. Zeringue elected to national sportsmen council**

During the recent National Assembly of Sportsmen’s Caucuses (NASC) Rep. Jerome “Zee” Zeringue, R-Houma, was elected to its NASC Executive Council for 2020 – 2021.

Zeringue was elected by NASC members last month at the NASC’s 16th annual Sportsman-Legislator Summit held in Greensboro, Ga. More than 50 bipartisan legislators and leaders from state fish and wildlife agencies gathered for the summit to discuss issues affecting men and women who enjoy outdoor sports, like fishing and hunting. Forty-nine state caucuses and over 2,000 state legislators are united under the NASC’s umbrella. The NASC facilitates the interaction and idea exchange among state caucus leaders and the outdoor community.

“I’m honored to represent Louisiana on this council,” Zeringue said. “We address and propose solutions to problems encountered by sportsmen and try to head off actions that could endanger use of our lands and put wildlife at risk. Conservation is a key function of the group” which includes legislators, state wildlife and fisheries agencies, conservation groups, outdoor gear suppliers, and individuals interested in the outdoors.

Some of the topics that were discussed included: chronic wasting disease; firearms issues; hunting contest bans; Asian carp; the importance of fish hatcheries; strategies to effectively communicate and debate about hunting and shooting sports issues and the California law banning the sale of alligator skins.

Sen. Bill Heath of Georgia is president of the NASC Executive Council, Rep. Brian White of South Carolina is vice president and Rep. Jeff Goley of New Jersey is secretary. Joining Zeringue as council members are Delegate Wendell Beitzel of Maryland, Sen. Mike Bell of Tennessee, Rep. Scott Bounds of Mississippi, Rep. Patrick Brennan of Vermont, Rep. Regina Cobb of Arizona, Rep. Bill Rehm of New Mexico, Rep. Jeff Wardlaw of Arkansas, and Sen. Robin Webb of Kentucky.

Among the sponsors of the event were Bass Pro Shops, Cabela’s, the Louisiana Alligator Advisory Council and Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries.

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