

Washington, DC - This week, 12th District Georgia Congressman John Barrow (D-Savannah) will show his support for the nearly 38 million sportsmen and women in America by acting on several measures promoting greater hunting, fishing, boating, and outdoor recreation in Georgia and across the country. Congressman Barrow is a member of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus.

"Sportsmen and women are an important part of our economy and our heritage," said Congressman Barrow. "These men and women are a driving force in many conservation efforts - from protecting our remaining open spaces, to combating global warming, to keeping our rivers and lakes clean. I'm proud to be a member of the Sportsmen's Caucus, and I look forward to this week when the House recognizes the important contributions made by so many Georgia families."

Every year, hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation activities contribute \$250 billion directly and indirectly to the national economy each year, employing 1.6 million people a year.

During the week of September 24-28, Congress will commence "Congressional Sportsmen's Week" in an effort to highlight the vital importance of hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation to America's economy, environment, health, and way of life.

Sportsmen's Week will follow National Hunting and Fishing Day on September 22. Legislative activity will include passing resolutions recognizing the important contributions of sportsmen and women, and committee consideration of important conservation initiatives.

Additionally the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus Foundation will announce the release of a new report detailing the economic impact of the sportsmen's community.

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