



An Advocate for Sportsmen's Issues

John Cornyn has been an avid outdoorsman since his earliest days as a young Texan. Though his schedule as a U.S. Senator keeps him busy in Washington and traveling throughout Texas, Cornyn still takes every available opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors and to hunt, shoot, and fish.

In Washington, Senator Cornyn actively promotes outdoors issues by serving as Vice Chairman of the *Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus*. The caucus is the leading voice in the Senate to promote wildlife conservation and protect our hunting and fishing traditions.

Over the past five years, Senator Cornyn has established a strong record on sportsmen's issues by helping to pass the following key legislative initiatives.

- ✓ Supported the **2008 Farm Bill**, which includes:
 - The **Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program** that has developed and improved more than 30,000 acres of Texas wildlife habitat – primarily on private lands.
 - The **Conservation, Wetlands and Grasslands Reserve Programs** that together have improved soil ecology and water quality on more than 4 million acres of Texas lands.
 - The **Environmental Quality Incentives Program** that, since 2003, has provided \$296 million to Texas farmers and ranchers to promote agriculture and enhance the rangeland environment for wildlife habitat.



- ✓ The **Endangered Species Recovery Act**, providing tax incentives to private landowners who voluntarily protect the habitat of endangered or threatened species. This approach respects the property rights of Texas landowners rather than arbitrarily imposing restrictions on them.

- ✓ The **Electronic Duck Stamp Act**, making it easier for Texas sportsmen to obtain federal duck stamps by allowing them to be purchased via telephone or Internet.
- ✓ The **Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act**, providing funding and technical assistance to landowners who are preserving and protecting Texas wildlife habitat. This program has restored or enhanced more than 325,000 acres of wetlands and uplands in Texas, as well as hundreds of miles of Texas riverbank habitats.



- ✓ The **Coastal Impact Assistance Program**, sharing offshore energy lease royalties with gulf communities and providing Texas with approximately \$49 million annually to protect marine species and coastal wildlife, and promote conservation efforts.
- ✓ The **North American Wetlands Conservation Reauthorization Act**, authorizing \$75 million a year to restore streams and rivers, re-establish native plants and trees, and acquire land.
- ✓ The **Fishery Conservation and Management Act Reauthorization**, correcting shortcomings in federal survey data collection of concern to recreational saltwater anglers and restricting the government's ability to close marine fisheries areas.
- ✓ The **Noxious Weed Control and Eradication Act**, providing funding to organizations that control or eradicate noxious weeds. This initiative protects Texas hunting lands against the destruction caused by invasive vegetation.

Senator Cornyn is now working in the 110th Congress to support the following sportsmen-friendly issues, along with many others.

- ✓ Supporting full funding of the **North American Wetlands Conservation Act**, a landowner-friendly program that through public-private partnerships, has already protected 118,000 acres in Texas of migratory bird habitat.
- ✓ Cosponsoring the **Hunting Heritage Protection Act**, ensuring that federal lands remain open for recreational hunting by creating a 'No Net Loss' policy that guarantees federal land-management decisions do not reduce land available for hunting.
- ✓ Cosponsoring the **Recreational Boating Act**, to protect America's 18 million recreational boaters from a federal court ruling that would require boaters to obtain Environmental Protection Agency permits before venturing away from the dock.

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