

## **MAFWA Climate Change Technical Working Committee**

Two meetings were held via conference call 4/13/10 and 5/11/10.

Attendance 4/13/10 - Aaron Brees (IA), Katy Reeder (IA), Kathy DonCarlos (MN), Jim Herkert (IL), Katie Smith (IN), Abi Lynch (MI - MSU), John Lott (SD), Tara Bergeson (WI), Dean Harre (MO).

Attendance 5/11/10 – Katy Reeder (IA), Katie Gremillion-Smith (IN), Abi Lynch (MI), Nathan Stricker (OH), Janet Haslerig (MO).

The members of the Climate Change Technical Working Committee wishes to forward following recommendation to the Directors:

The members of this committee share a concern about overlapping roles of the MAFWA Climate Change Technical Working Committee, the MAFWA State Wildlife Action Plan Technical Working Committee and the Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs) in promoting cooperation among Midwest states on climate change adaptation strategies for fish and wildlife. At the 2010 Director's meeting, a panel discussion about the LCCs is planned. The LCCs have great potential to serve as a mechanism to address climate change science needs which cross political boundaries and to develop adaptation strategies of eco-regional relevance. Given this, the members of this committee recommend that the need for or role of the MAFWA Climate Change Technical Working Committee be re-evaluated in light of the current status of the LCCs.