MAFWA Legal Committee

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Report:

 In 2015, the Legal Committee met in conjunction with the Director’s Meeting in Duluth, Minnesota. The focus of the 2015 meeting was to provide continuing education on legal issues related to natural resource protection. Specifically, there were presentations on the Northern Long Eared Bat, Great Lakes wolf litigation, proposed changes to the ESA petition process, wildlife criminal law, canned hunting litigation in Indiana and sturgeon management in Wisconsin.

 There were 8 attendees at the committee meeting, representing 5 states and two NGO partners. The meeting was very successful and the committee would encourage participation by the states in the future.