MAFWA Legal Committee

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Report:

 In 2016, the Legal Committee met in conjunction with the Director’s Meeting in St. Louis, MO. The Committee had an informal and free-flow discussion on northern long-eared bats and amicus briefs; discussion on legal issues surrounding the lesser prairie chicken; wolf relisting and an injunction of USFWS; and cases-of-interest on trapping and CITES out of Montana.  Also, the Committee spent time on Endangered Species Act liability, on dogs running bears, and a guiding ban in Kansas.

 There were seven attendees at the committee meeting, and all agreed increased participation by other states in the future would be beneficial.