

**U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
& PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION**

QUALIFIED BOG TURTLE SURVEYORS

The following list includes persons known by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to have the skills and experience to search for and successfully find bog turtles and their habitat. This list includes individuals who do bog turtle survey work in Pennsylvania on a contractual basis. Any individuals handling or conducting surveys for bog turtles must first obtain from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission a Scientific Collector's Permit, and a Special Permit to survey for endangered and threatened species pursuant to 58 PA Code 75.4. All permitted collector's encounters with bog turtles must be reported in writing to the Commission and Service within 48 hours.

Contracted bog turtle surveys and research will be overseen by a qualified surveyor, who will be present in the field at all times during the investigation. Qualified surveyors are the individuals who act in the capacity of Principal Investigator (PI), having in-field oversight responsibility for surveys, bog turtle captures, turtle identification and marking, telemetry studies, and safe handling procedures. They are also the individuals responsible for ensuring 1) they and their assistants have the appropriate permits to conduct bog turtle work, 2) surveys are carried out in accordance with survey protocols, and 3) reports are accurate and complete and submitted to the appropriate agencies. Phase 1 and Phase 2 surveys should be carried out in accordance with the Service's *Guidelines for Bog Turtle Surveys* (dated April 2006); exceptions should be reviewed and approved by the Service and Commission.

This information is not to be construed as an endorsement of individuals or firms by the Service, the Commission, or any of its employees. Persons not on this list, but who have documented experience in conducting scientific studies of, or successful searches for, bog turtles and their habitat may submit their qualifications to the Service and the Commission for review. Additions to and deletions from this list are at the sole discretion of the Service and Commission. This list is subject to revision at any time without prior notice.

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