

West Virginia Qualified Big Sandy/Guyandotte River Crayfish Surveyors *

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* This list includes *individuals* who are certified to conduct surveys for the federally listed Big Sandy and/or Guyandotte River crayfish. This list may not include all individuals qualified to conduct such surveys, and some individuals may have chosen not to be placed on this list for public distribution. Inclusion of names on this list does not constitute endorsement by the WV Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR), the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), nor any other government agency. A WV Scientific Collecting Permit is required from the WVDNR to conduct surveys for crayfish in WV. In order to conduct surveys for these species in WV, and/or be placed on this list, individuals must meet all the qualifications listed below:

Identification Training and Testing

1. Attended and completed a WVDNR/USFWS approved Big Sandy/Guyandotte River Crayfish workshop that provided training in crayfish ecology, identification, and proper survey/handling protocols.
2. Completed two separate crayfish identification/protocol tests developed by the WVDNR and USFWS and obtained scores on both tests of at least 90% overall and 100% for the endangered/threatened species.

Experience and References

1. Have at least 3 years of field experience conducting surveys for crayfish or benthic macroinvertebrates as demonstrated through possession of Scientific Collecting Permits from the WVDNR, review of resume, and acceptable references.
2. Be and remain in good standing with all WVDNR and USFWS permits and regulations.