

**RECOGNIZED QUALIFIED BOG TURTLE PHASE 2 SURVEYORS FOR THE
HUDSON RIVER/HOUSATONIC RECOVERY UNIT IN NEW YORK, MASSACHUSETTS, AND CONNECTICUT**

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The following list includes individuals experienced in field herpetology that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), New York Field Office, New England Field Office, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Wildlife Diversity Unit, the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection currently recognize as qualified to survey for the presence of bog turtles, known as Phase 2 surveys¹, based on specific criteria. Criteria were developed by a regional partnership of state and federal biologists working in the northern population range of the bog turtle. This list may not include all individuals qualified to survey for this species. Inclusion of names on this list does not constitute endorsement by the Service or any other U.S. government agency or state agency, and ***all Phase 2 surveyors must have appropriate state permits to handle bog turtles***. This list will be updated periodically by the Service.

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¹ The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's "Guidelines for Bog Turtle Surveys" can be found at:
<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/nyfo/es/bogturtle.htm>

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