

PENNSYLVANIA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION
Division of Environmental Services
Natural Diversity Section
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QUALIFIED SURVEYORS FOR NORTHERN RED-BELLIED COOTER

58 Pa. Code §75.5 provides that in order to conduct surveys for endangered or threatened fish (fish, amphibians, reptiles and aquatic invertebrates) species or their habitat in connection with an application for a proposed or planned development activity, a surveyor must be deemed qualified by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC). An individual who wishes to be qualified by the PFBC to conduct surveys for endangered or threatened species must demonstrate to the PFBC's satisfaction that he or she meets the qualified surveyor requirements as approved by the Executive Director and published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. The following list includes persons deemed qualified by the PFBC to possess skills and to have experience in properly searching for and finding Northern Red-bellied Cooters (*Pseudemys rubriventris*) and in identifying their critical habitat. Persons not on this list but who have documented experience in conducting scientific studies of, or successful searches for, Northern Red-bellied Cooters and their critical habitat may submit their qualifications to the Natural Diversity Section for review and possible inclusion as a qualified surveyor. When applicable, a qualified surveyor must meet the requirements pertaining to scientific collector's permits and special permits for endangered and threatened species. All permitted collector's encounters with Northern Red-bellied Cooters must be reported in writing to the PFBC's Natural Diversity Section.

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