

## WV Approved Freshwater Mussel Surveyors \*

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\* This list includes *individuals* who are certified to conduct surveys for freshwater mussels, this list may not include all individuals qualified to conduct such surveys. Inclusion of names on this list does not constitute endorsement by the WV Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR), the US Fish and Wildlife Service, nor any other government agency. A WV Scientific Collecting Permit is required from the WVDNR to sample mussels in WV.

Other contractors may be used but must be approved. See qualifications below.

**WV Certified Mussel Surveyor:** All mussels are protected in the State of West Virginia thus any construction activities such as construction of pipeline crossings on mussel streams first require a mussel survey. You must be certified to be able to conduct such surveys. Certification is in two parts.

- Identification Testing
  - Approved for endangered species streams: overall score of 85% and score 100% on the endangered species.
  - Non-endangered mussel streams: overall score of 85%.
  - The test is closed book and closed shell (simulating live condition).
- Experience and References
  - Endangered species streams: at least 3 years of field experience conducting surveys similar to the WV Mussel Survey Protocol and acceptable references.
  - Non-endangered species streams: at least 2 years of field experience conducting surveys similar to the WV Mussel Survey Protocol and acceptable references.

**Additional Individuals for Group 1 & 3 only. Not listed above as someone in company already approved for all levels:**

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