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BIOLOGIST BENJAMIN P. HEPLER JOINS SKELLY AND LOY, INC.



HARRISBURG, PA – July 12, 2017- Benjamin P. Hepler is a Biologist at Skelly and Loy, responsible for conducting surveys for threatened and endangered species, including bog turtles and Indiana bats; completing wetland delineations and site assessments; bog turtle compliance monitoring in active construction zones; and, writing and compiling formal project reports.

Mr. Hepler is currently working on Phase 2 bog turtle surveys for various proposed construction projects, including PennEast Pipeline, Parkland School District, a housing development, and a sewer line replacement. He is conducting a Phase 3 bog turtle survey (i.e. trapping) in Berks County and bog turtle compliance monitoring for Sunoco's Pennsylvania Pipeline Project, and is also working on wetland delineations and reporting for power line replacement projects in Lebanon County and Berks County (Met-Ed/First Energy) and for PennDOT bridge replacement and restoration projects in Northampton County.

Mr. Hepler has a varied and interesting past work history that includes working as an at-sea monitor in Alaska's groundfish and halibut fisheries; completing surveys of various turtle species throughout the Flint River and Chattahoochee River in Georgia; performing West Nile Virus surveillance in Lancaster County; and, working as a teaching assistant for biology courses as an undergraduate and graduate student. He earned a Master of Science degree in Biology from Shippensburg University.

Now in its 48th year, [Skelly and Loy](http://www.skellyloy.com) is an engineering-environmental consulting firm serving public and private sector clients from six Mid-Atlantic offices. Our services include civil, environmental, and mining engineering and permitting activities; National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance studies; natural resource management and protection; hazardous waste and industrial hygiene studies and remediation planning; and cultural resource studies and documentation.

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