

Dr. Robert Lusardi

Dr. Lusardi is an aquatic research ecologist at the Center for Watershed Sciences, University of California-Davis and is the California Trout-UC Davis Wild and Coldwater Fish Scientist. Rob is broadly interested in stream ecology and food web dynamics of rivers throughout California and their role in shaping salmonid response. Specifically, his research examines interactions between water temperature and food availability on the growth and survival of juvenile coho salmon, how different habitat types influence juvenile salmonid rearing, the conservation implications of different salmon reintroduction strategies, and the status and conservation of salmonids throughout California. Dr. Lusardi's research often guides conservation policy. He has published numerous peer reviewed articles and was a co-author of *State of the Salmonids: Status of California's Emblematic Fishes 2017*, a comprehensive review of all native salmonids in California.