Habitat Use and Survival of Nomadic Juvenile Coho Salmon
Rearing in Lower River Tributaries

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In the fall of 2015, Nick started his pursuit of a master’s degree at Humboldt State University under the guidance of Peggy Wilzbach. He will be examining use of lower river tributaries by juvenile Coho Salmon. A significant portion of juveniles migrate downstream from where they are spawned and rear in lower river habitat. Understanding habitat relationships and estimating survival rates in these tributaries could be useful in management of Coho Salmon.

Nick graduated from Colorado State University with a B.S. in Wildlife Biology in 2007. After working two consecutive terms with the Americorps Watershed Stewards Project (WSP), he was inspired in his work with Coho Salmon and since dedicated his career and studies to the field of fisheries science. Following his employment with WSP, Nick has worked for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.