

**Speakers for April 12, 2017**  
**Environmental Forum of Marin, Lecture**  
**Wildlife and Habitat Connectivity**



**Trevor Stevenson (MC 42)** has undergraduate degrees in Environmental Studies, Sociocultural Psychology, and Latin American Studies. He has a Master's degree in Community Development and Environment, and a post-graduate certification in Collaboration in Natural Resource Management. Trevor worked on environmental and social issues in the Amazon for nearly a decade, and served as Executive Director of the Amazon Alliance, which coordinated the large-scale of a network of leading environmental and indigenous organizations. He is originally from Wyoming, where he worked as Executive Director of a network of conservation organizations in the Yellowstone area. Trevor moved to Marin in 2015, and has been working primarily as a strategic planning consultant for several environmental organizations in the Bay Area. His passion is helping environmental organizations become more effective and more inclusive, and he has taught several courses on strategic environmental advocacy. He was the Assistant Director of the 2016 Environmental Forum Lecture Series.

**Megan Isadore, Co-Founder, Executive Director The River Otter Ecology Project**



I'm a conservationist first and foremost, a naturalist, wildlife rehabilitator and writer. I graduated from the College of William & Mary with a degree in English, never suspecting I would spend my career in one kind of science or another. I began as a medical writer, then produced continuing medical education programs and publications in medical risk management.

In 1998, after moving to Marin I turned my attention to watershed ecology in service to the critically endangered coho salmon of Lagunitas Creek. As Lead Naturalist for SPAWN, I produced and presented training programs for new naturalists, worked on field research projects on endangered coho salmon recovery and community education efforts, acted as Team Leader for rescue and relocating thousands of stranded coho fry from drying streams and led spawning surveys on headwater tributaries under state and federal permits.

My wildlife rehabilitation work began when someone put an infant raccoon and a baby bottle into my hands. I took the three tiny orphans home that day, and began 13 years of rehabbing raccoons, as well as the odd squirrel and opossum for several Bay Area wildlife groups, including my own Rancho Raccoon. I have trained and mentored volunteers in wildlife rehabilitation, as well as provided training programs in dealing with wildlife for both the public and Animal Care & Control officers for the cities of Oakland, Hayward and Alameda. I've designed and presented many programs certified for continuing education credits from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife in wildlife rehabilitation, run a wildlife question and answer hotline and started Oakland's first humane (no trapping, no killing) wildlife/human conflict remediation company.

***"The first time I saw river otters was early on a cold winter morning, from the banks of Lagunitas Creek. A sinuous line of four hunted their way back and forth across the narrow river, nosing under every rock and tree root. Their military formation was impressive! Every so often they chirped back and forth to each other, and every so often, one came up with a crayfish, which was dispatched with noisy crunching gusto. Enthralled, I followed them from a distance for a good half hour, until they stopped on a gravel bar to groom and roll, then disappeared into the willows."***



### **Biologist from the Felidae Conservation Fund – Bay Area Puma Project**

Courtney is a central California native with a Bachelor degree in Animal Biology from UC Davis and a PhD from the University of South Florida. She is generally interested in examining the role of host and environmental variation in animal health. For her graduate degree, she primarily investigated the ecological interactions between a recently invaded songbird, its native competitors, and their shared parasites in Kenya. After completing graduate school, she worked for two years as a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Pretoria in South Africa where she studied infection incidence and immunity in wild African buffalo inside a wildlife preserve and domestic cattle that live near the preserve boundaries. Findings from this study are being used to develop an effective disease control program that considers aspects of individual physiological risk factors.