



# LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT TROUT: CALIFORNIA'S LAST NATIVE POPULATION IN INDEPENDENCE LAKE

**AUGUST 22, 2012**

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Considered North America's largest inland trout, the Lahontan cutthroat trout once occurred throughout the Truckee River system. This spectacular fish was, however, most numerous and reached its largest size (record 41 lbs) in the Truckee River basin lakes. Unfortunately, by the 1940s the world famous Lahontan cutthroat trout had almost disappeared from the Truckee River system. Overfishing, disease, habitat alteration, and nonnative species all contributed to its demise. Today, only one native self-reproducing population of Lahontan cutthroat persist in the entire Truckee River Basin, the Independence Lake Lahontan cutthroat. Join Gary Scoppettone to learn about research and habitat management to preserve the Independence Lake Lahontan cutthroat, and the likelihood of the population's survival.

## GARY SCOPPETTONE

Gary Scoppettone is Section Chief of the Reno Field Station of the Western Fisheries Research Center, U.S. Geological Survey. The Reno Field Station conducts research on federally listed threatened and endangered fishes in California, Nevada, and Oregon. Research topics include population dynamics, life history, interspecific interactions, and invasive species control. Gary has 13 published papers pertaining to the Truckee River system's federally listed fishes (Lahontan cutthroat trout and cui-ui).



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