## Hellbender Education

## **LESSON 5: APPALACHIAN STREAM CONSERVATION**

## MIDDLE SCHOOL STANDARDS ADDRESSED:

Tennessee	<ul> <li>6.LS2: Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics <ol> <li>Evaluate and communicate the impact of environmental variables on population size.</li> <li>Research the ways in which an ecosystem has changed over time in response to changes in physical conditions, population balances, human interactions, and natural catastrophes.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
	Explain how changes in biodiversity would impact ecosystem stability and natural resources.     Design a possible solution for maintaining biodiversity of ecosystems while still providing necessary human resources without disrupting environmental equilibrium.

## HIGH SCHOOL STANDARDS ADDRESSED:

Tennessee BIG	<ul> <li>4. Analyze data demonstrating the decrease in biomass observed in each successive trophic level. Construct an explanation considering the laws of conservation of energy and matter and represent this phenomenon in a mathematical model to describe the transfer of energy and matter between trophic levels.</li> </ul>
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