



**Figure 5** Changes in log response ratios [ln(earthworm/control)] of litter mass loss, C loss and N loss as affected by mesh (meso- and macrofauna) and earthworms (with, without) in the deciduous (left) and coniferous forests(right); means with 95% confidence intervals; effect sizes were averaged across deposited compounds treatment (control, N, Na and PAHs) and sampling dates (70, 140, 210, 280, 365 days), n = 80 for mass loss and n = 48 for C and N loss.