

Frogs become a symbol of resistance at 'No Kings' after Portland tear-gas incident

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Among Portland Protests, It's Frogs and Sharks and Bears, Oh My!



Operation Inflation: How Portland's 'Antifa frog' became a No Kings protest mascot



Amphibian Awesomeness

- Ambassadors
- Indicator species
- Spontaneous
- Cute & dangerous
- Successful

But...



**40% of amphibian species worldwide
are facing the risk of extinction.**

**55% of Oregon's species need
urgent action to recover.**

Like amphibians,
kids tend to be bellwethers.

And youth environmental
education programs?
They're endangered, too.



A guide, guided by...

- Narrative, Reflective, & Place-Based
- Comms background & wildlife advocacy work
- Advocacy primer
- **Multi-species justice:** our shared fates
- Research Methods: Literature review, expert interviews, and field trips... featuring Johnson Creek Watershed!





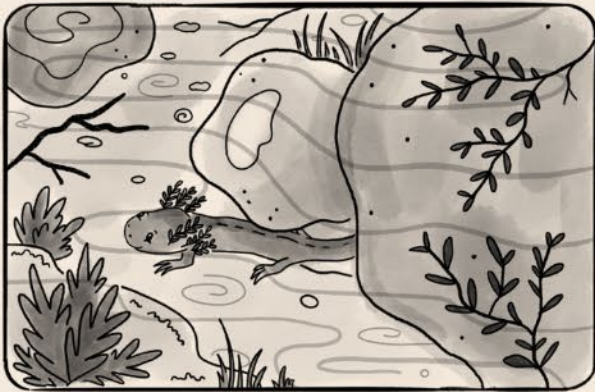
In the field!



Anatomy of a Chapter:

Coastal giant salamanders

- Observations in Forest Park and JCW's Kelley Creek
- Expert knowledge + studies
- Mythology and cultural connection
- Fun facts: they bark! Glowing pee!
- Broader climate issue: deforestation
- Mystical AND approachable



Anatomy of a Chapter:

Pacific chorus frogs

- Observations in Gresham and Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge
- Nutrient Cycling
- Mythology and TEK
- Musical theater kids
- Broader climate issue: habitat loss and regenerative design



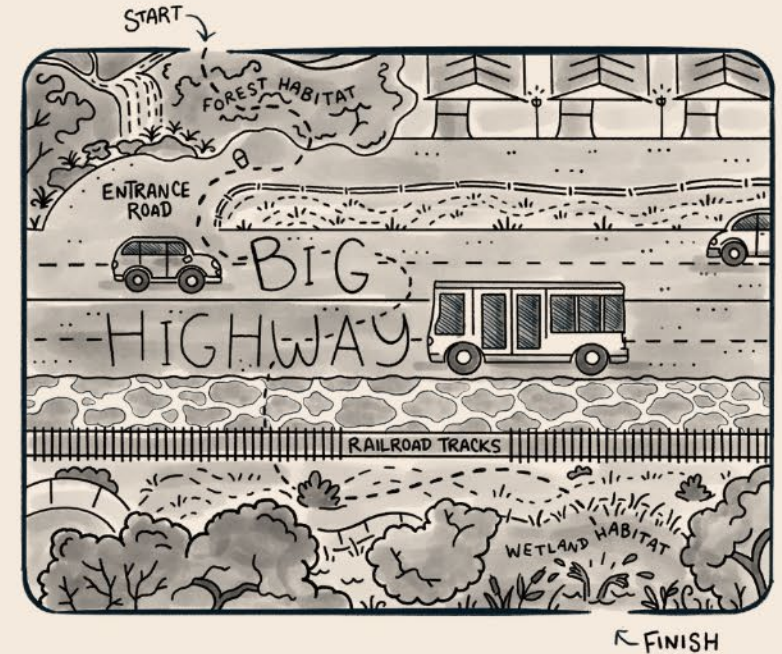
Joyful Advocacy



Hogan Cedars Students
& Gresham's Official
Amphibian



Fighting for Oaks
Bottom Wildlife
Refuge



The Harborton Frog
Shuttle & Northern
red-legged frogs

Format and Production



Printed Book with OSU's
Composit Press

The image shows a digital sign-up form for "Amphibeing!". The title "Amphibeing!" is in a large, white, serif font. Below it is a colorful illustration of various Oregon amphibians (frogs, toads, salamanders, and a snake) in their natural habitats. The form includes fields for "Name (required)" with "First Name" and "Last Name" sub-labels, "Email (required)", a checkbox for "Sign up for news and updates", and a "Subject (required)" dropdown menu with the selected option "I'm interested in using Amphibeing as an educational resource". There is also a "Message (optional)" text area. At the bottom, there are checkboxes for "I'm interested in Amphibeing for my..." with options: School, Nonprofit, Outdoor Program, Homeschool Group, Advocacy Training, and Other. A blue "Submit" button is located at the bottom right. Below the form, there is a paragraph of text describing the guidebook and a link to learn more.

Free Digital Resources
Available to Download



Leaping ahead...

- Defend thesis (wish me luck!)
- Sharing the project by Jan 2026
- Education and advocacy – we've got a brief but major legislative session coming up
- Sign up to get updates on *Amphibeing* or share it with a student in your life

Scan to stay tuned + get early access to the book!





Thank you :)

And to my fellow bellwethers...
Your sensitivity is a gift. Keep going.

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