

CER: Bullfrog and Western Pond Turtle Populations

Essential Question:

Does the American Bullfrog have a major impact on the Western Pond Turtle population?

CLAIM: *Answer the essential question by restating it. Do NOT explain anything in your claim.*

Evidence: *Using your CER Notes, LIST facts from the readings or videos that support the answer to your claim. Do NOT explain anything here!*

Reasoning: *EXPLAIN why you picked this particular evidence to support your claim. How do your claim and evidence fit together?*

Other Organisms:

- Bullfrogs are known carriers of diseases.
- Bullfrogs carry parasites.

Bullfrogs do not get sick from the diseases they carry, but pass them onto other organisms (sometimes turtles). Western Pond Turtles can get sick and die from diseases that the bullfrogs carry. This would lower the numbers in the WPT population.

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