

## **Getting to know Chilliwack's Species at Risk**

**Species at risk profile:** Coastal Tailed Frog, *Ascaphus truei*

### **What it looks like:**

A small amphibian (up to 5.1 cm) whose eyes have vertical pupils. The adult males have tail-like appendage for mating. Its skin colour can range from light brown to grey-green or charcoal. [Click here for more identification details.](#)

### **Where it lives:**

In or near fast moving mountain streams in mature forests.

### **What it eats:**

Adult Tailed frogs feed on a range of prey, such as spiders, ticks, mites, snails, and various insects.

### **What are its main threats in the Fraser Valley?**

Loss of forest habitat and disturbances to streams.

### **Did you know?**

- The smallest frog in BC taking 8-9 years to reach maturity with a lifespan of up to 15-20 years.
- Is only North American frog to internally fertilize their eggs. They mate in the fall, but the eggs are not laid until the following summer.
- Tadpoles have suction-like mouths with rows of teeth to anchor themselves in fast flowing water.
- Click [here for more facts.](#)

### **How you can help:**

Check out this [guide](#) for specific Coastal Tailed Frog land management recommendations.

Join the [Nature Stewards](#) program for personalized property advice.

Spot a Coastal Tailed Frog? – take a photo, record the location, and send it to [outreach@fraservalleyconservancy.ca](mailto:outreach@fraservalleyconservancy.ca).

For any questions about this or other species at risk, contact the [Fraser Valley Conservancy](#).