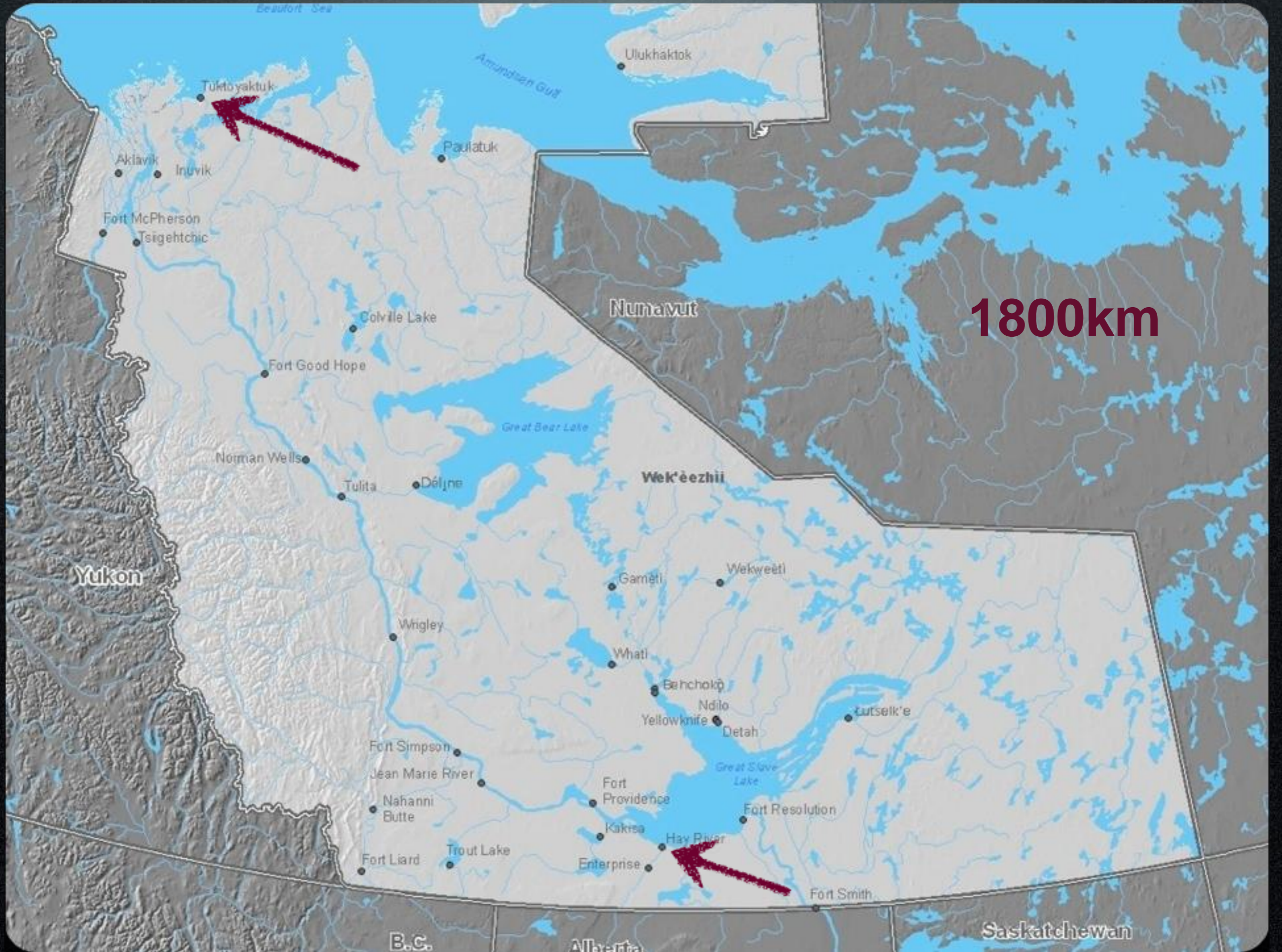


Self Guiding the Mackenzie River

What to expect and why you should do it
anyway



1800km



BIG RIVER

WARNING

PADDLERS ON THE MACKENZIE
RIVER WILL BE REQUIRED TO
PADDLE IN THE MOST EXTREME
CONDITIONS IMAGINABLE.



TEMPERATURE WILL RANGE FROM
35 ABOVE....



TO BELOW ZERO.



MOSQUITOS WILL NOT ONLY BE
ANNOYING BUT...



WILL CAUSE YOU BODILY HARM.



PADDLERS WILL HAVE TO FIGHT MUD,



RAIN, WIND AND SNOW,



COMMUNITIES WITHOUT COFFEE
SHOPS,



SHALLOW WATERS,



EXHAUSTION,



DEHYDRATION,



INSANITY,



AND RUINED MEALS



WHY DO IT?



HISTORY



Sir Alexander Mackenzie,



1800km

Yukon

Nunavut

Wek'èezhii

Saskatchewan

B.C.

Alberta

Tuktoyaktuk

Uluksaktok

Paulatuk

Aklavik
Inuvik

Fort McPherson
Tsigehtchic

Colville Lake

Fort Good Hope

Great Bear Lake

Norman Wells

Tulita
Détjine

Wekweéti

Gaméti

Wrigley

Whati

Behchokó

Ndilo
Yellowknife

Detah

Tutsek'e

Fort Simpson

Jean Marie River

Nahanni
Butte

Fort Providence

Fort Resolution

Fort Liard

Trout Lake

Kakisa

Hay River

Enterprise

Fort Smith

Beaufort Sea

Amundsen Gulf

Great Slave Lake



Reindeer Station



The Mad Trapper



COMMUNITIES



Tulita (Fort Norman)



1800km

B.C.

Alberta

Saskatchewan



Fort Good Hope



1800km



NEW FRIENDS



LIGHT



8pm



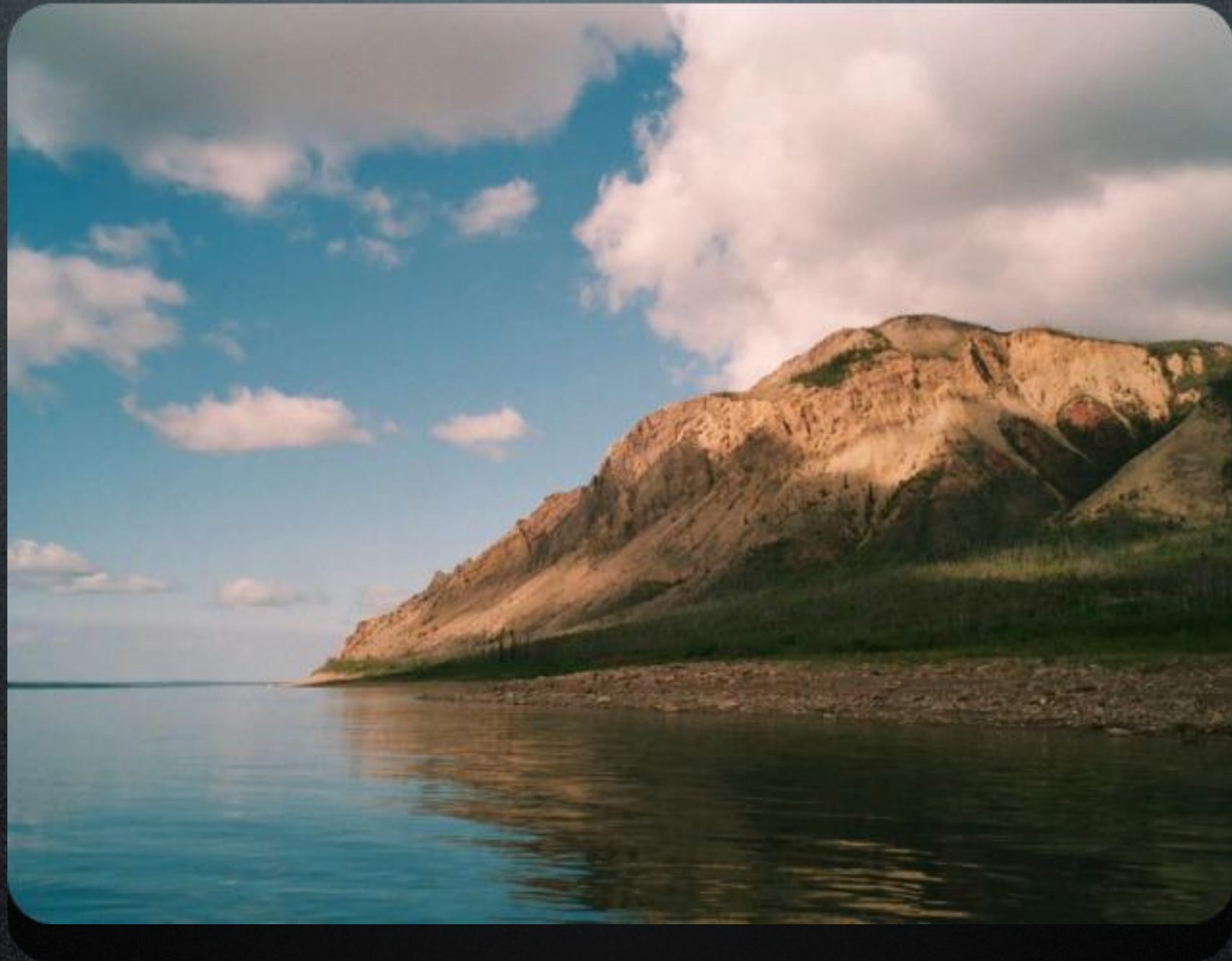
10pm



Midnight



CULTURE



Bear Rock



1800km



Thunder River



VAST WILDERNESS



Berries



1800km



Birds



Bison



1800km

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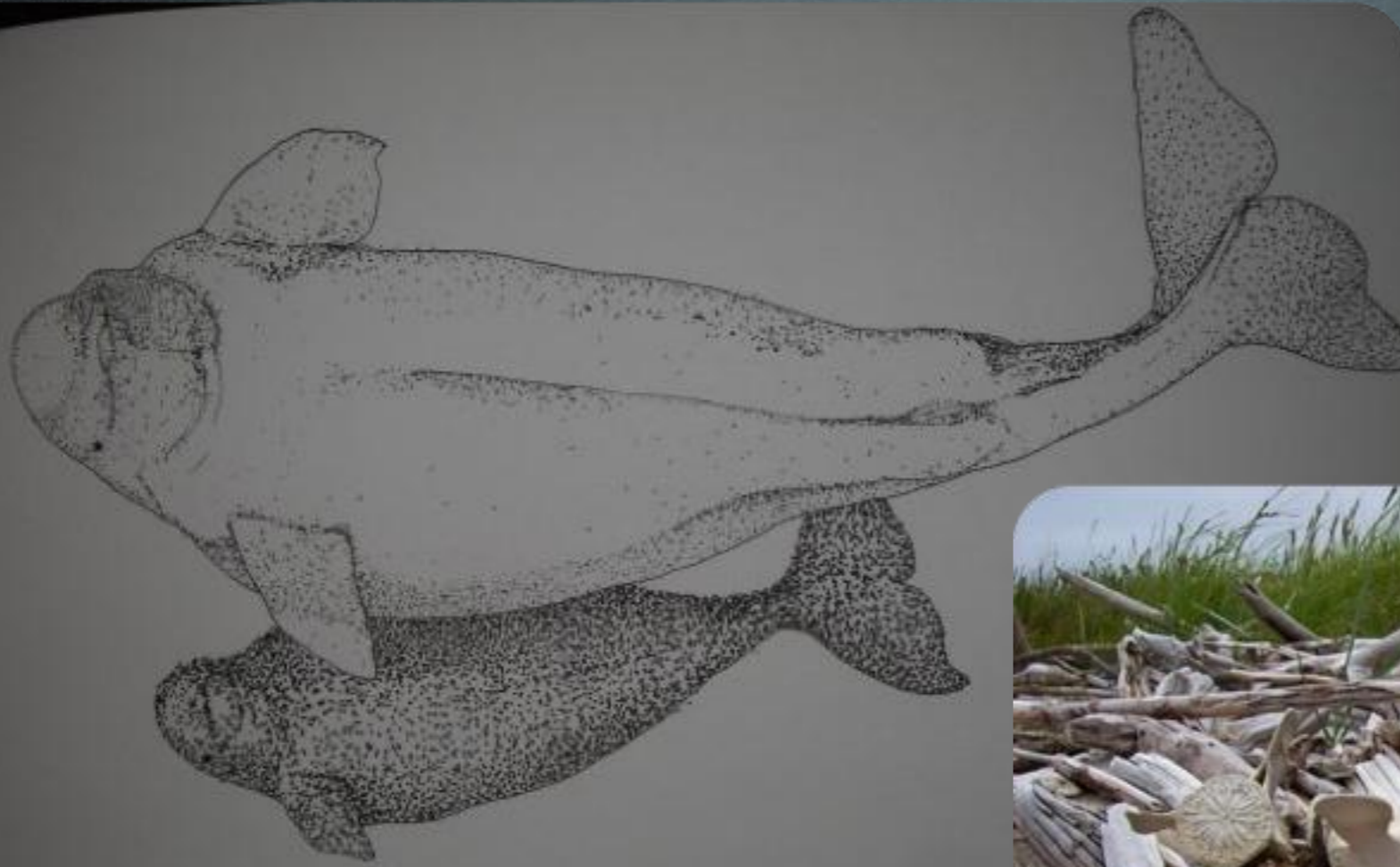
Fort Resolution

Fort Liard

Trout Lake

Enterprise

Fort Smith



Belugas



1800km



Stillness



Northern Skills



NATURAL WONDERS



1800km



Fort Good Hope

Nunavut

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Saskatchewan



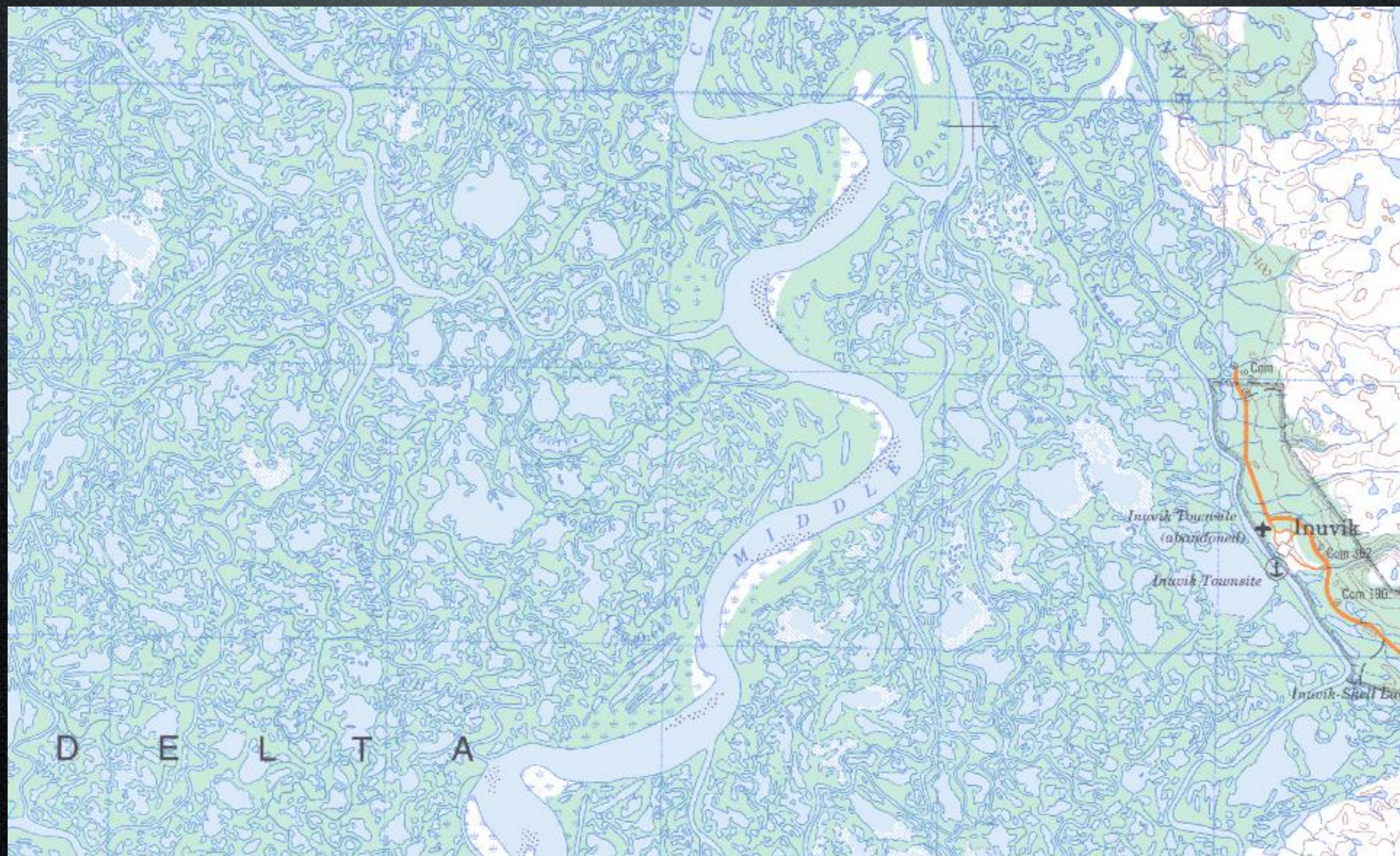
The Ramparts Cliffs



The Mackenzie Delta



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Pingos



FESTIVALS



The Great Northern Arts Festival



July 9th - 18th 2010
OLD LEGENDS NEW DREAMS



SUNSETS



Red ones,



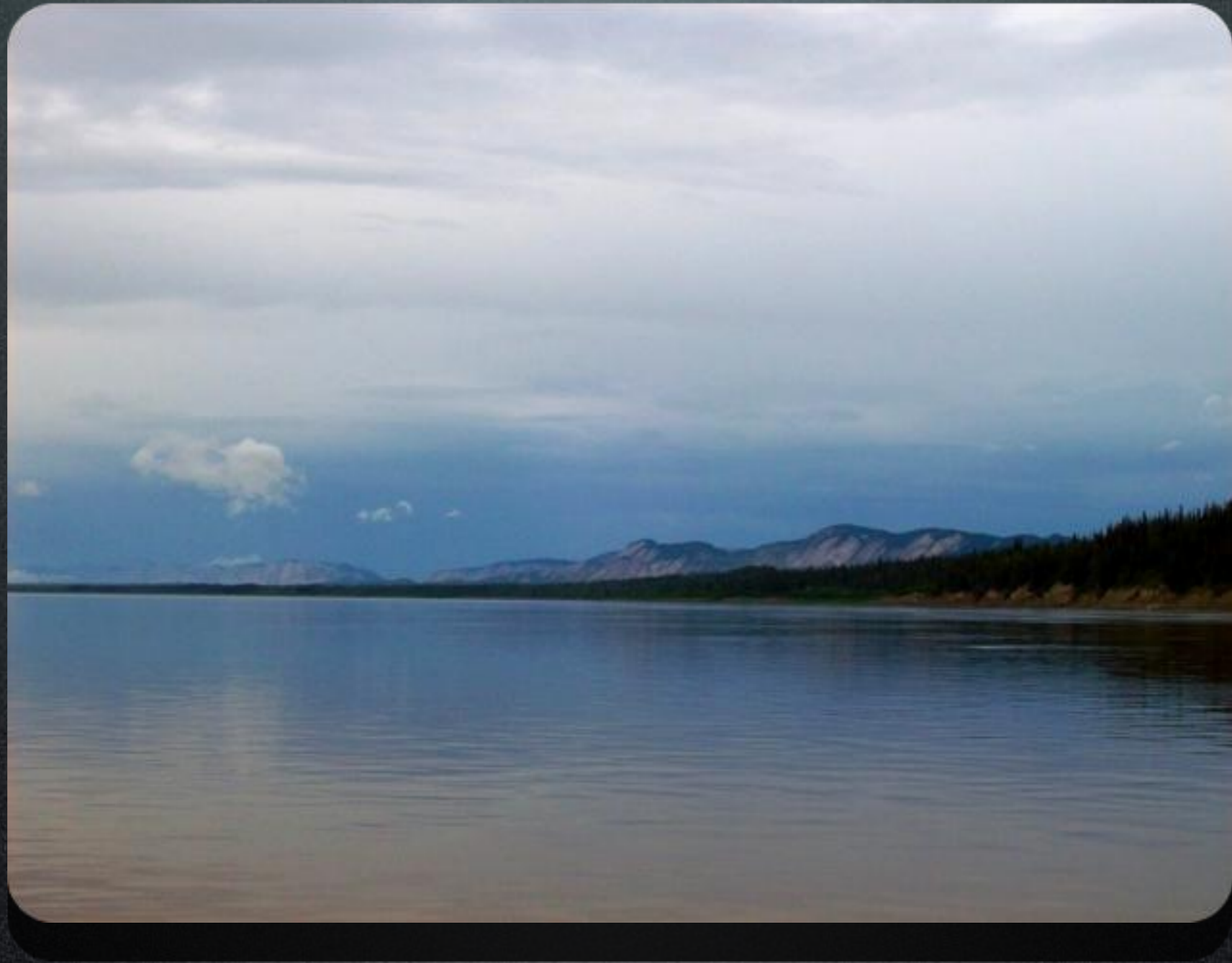
orange ones,

A photograph of a sunset over a large body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water's surface. In the middle ground, a small canoe with two people is visible, silhouetted against the bright light. The water in the foreground shows gentle ripples and a shimmering path of light from the sun.

yellow ones,

A person is seen from behind, sitting in a blue kayak on a calm lake. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds illuminated from below by a low sun, creating a vibrant palette of reds, oranges, and yellows. The sunset colors are reflected on the water's surface. The person's kayak has some gear on it, including a green bag. The overall mood is serene and awe-inspiring.

...and indescribable ones.



Why Self guide?



Eat the food you want,



A river for everyone



NO PORTAGES!



Paddle all night



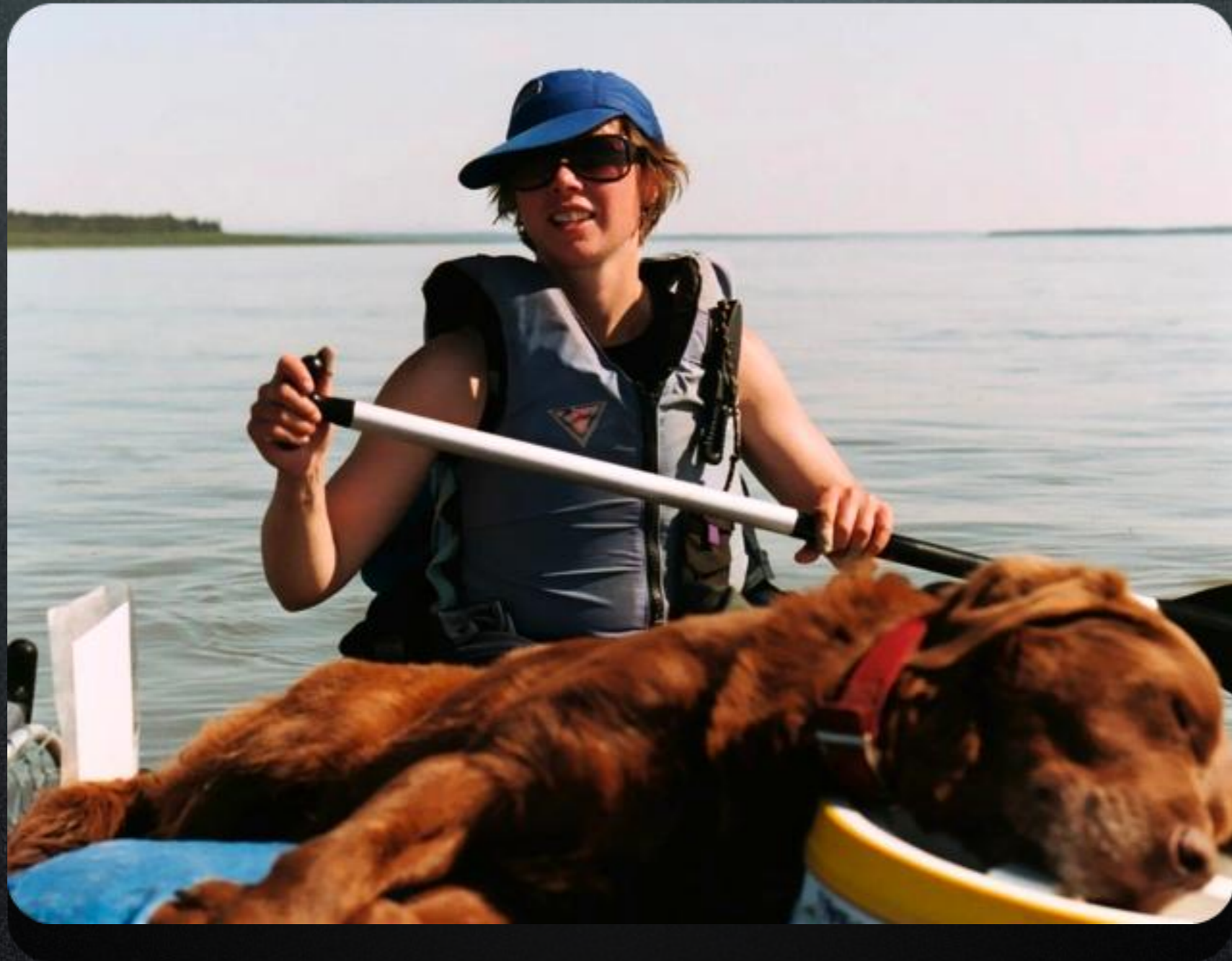
Paddle all summer



60 days to perfect bannock



Bring your dog



or your Mothers dog.



Send your car with you



or find your own way home.



What do you need?



A sense of humour,



a couple of maps,



and people you love (and love you)!

And a few other things...

- www.canoenorth.ca
- Canoe rental, PFD's, paddles, throw bag
- Rental of GPS, Sat phones, barrels and dry bags.
- River charts and topo maps
- put your vehicle on the barge
- guidebooks coming soon...
- See handout