

# TREATY 8 GATHERING PROJECT

*Building collective strength to manage our waters*



**Mega Dams**



**Forestry**



**Agriculture**



**Mining**



**Oil and Gas**



**Wind**

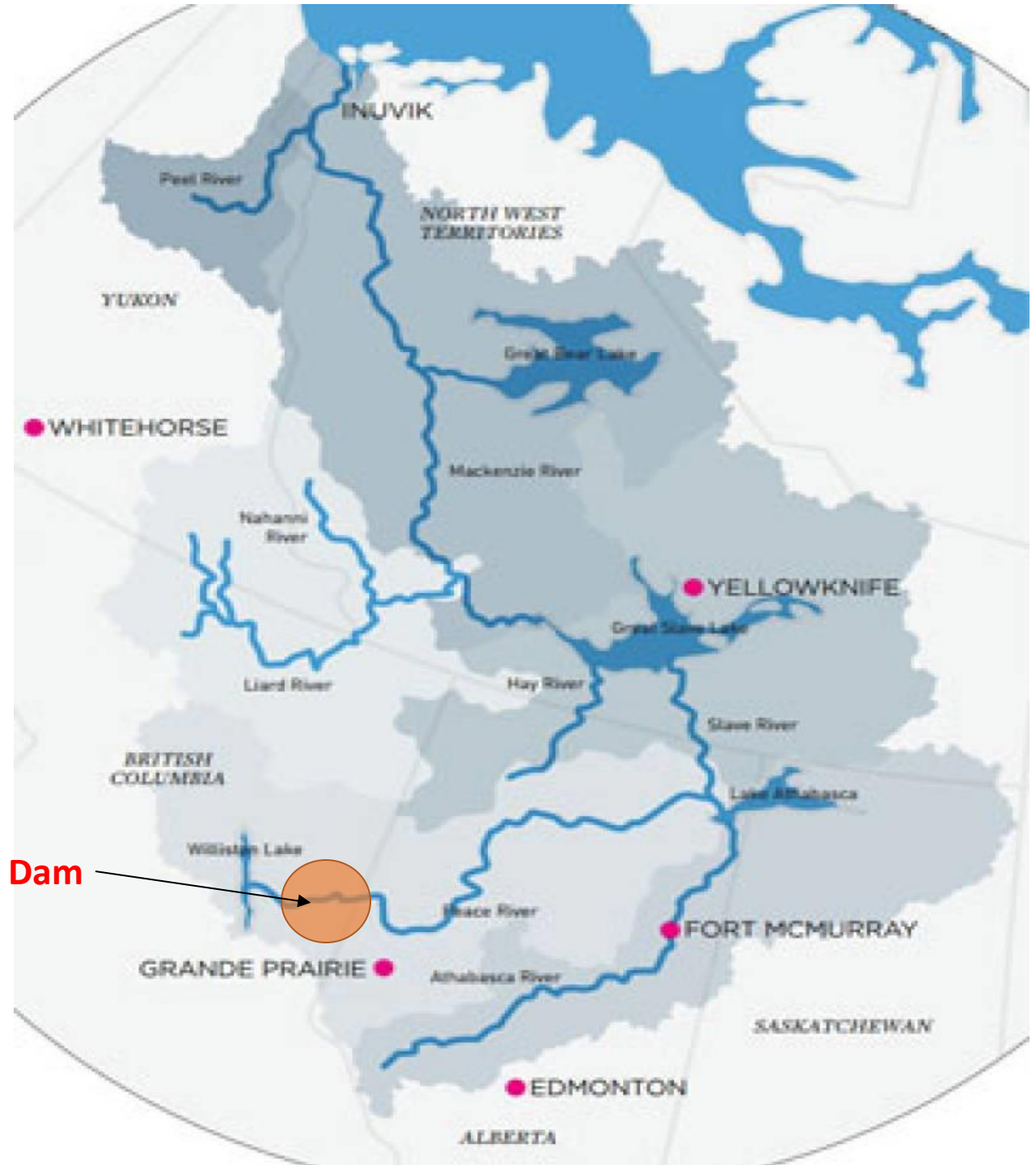
# The Mackenzie River Basin

## *The downstream effect*

- Sedimentation
- Water table effects
- Increased forest fires
- Fish and wildlife habitat loss
- Wetland loss
- Mercury contamination



Site C Dam



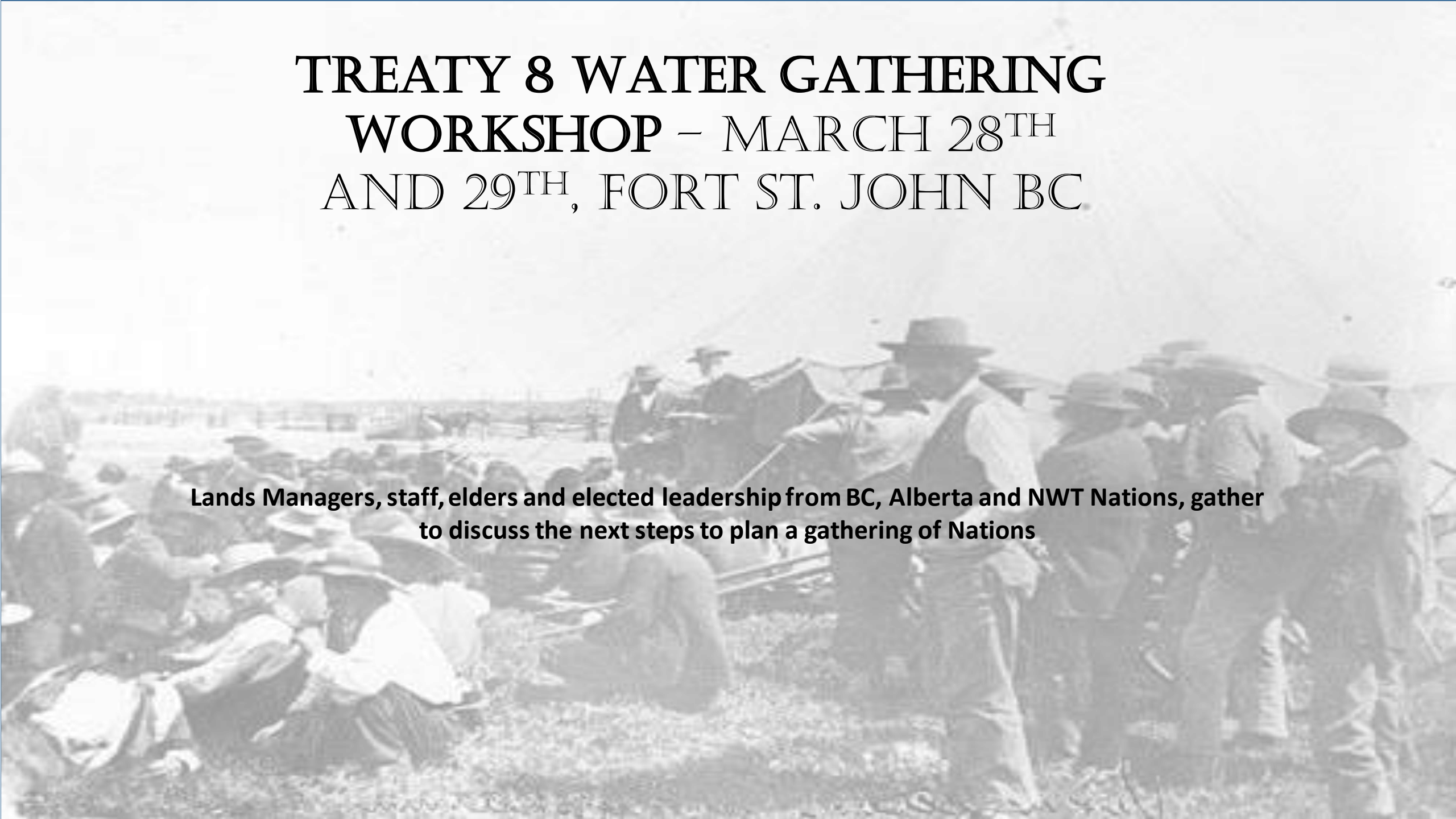


- Treaty 8 covers over 840,000 sq. kms (over half of the Mackenzie River Basin)
- Treaty 8 overlaps parts of BC, Alberta, NWT and Saskatchewan
- Treaty 8 was first signed in 1899 and 1910
- Treaty 8 is comprised of 39 First Nations:
- The 39 First Nations of Treaty 8 have never met as a Treaty Nation.

**Treaty 8 Nations have collective strength to govern their waters**

# TREATY 8 WATER GATHERING WORKSHOP – MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> AND 29<sup>TH</sup>, FORT ST. JOHN BC.

**Lands Managers, staff, elders and elected leadership from BC, Alberta and NWT Nations, gather to discuss the next steps to plan a gathering of Nations**



# Day One: Share stories, perspectives and priorities, and begin to discuss outcomes of a gathering

HOW CAN WE WORK TOGETHER?

WHAT ARE YOUR NATION'S CONCERNS WITH WATER MANAGEMENT?



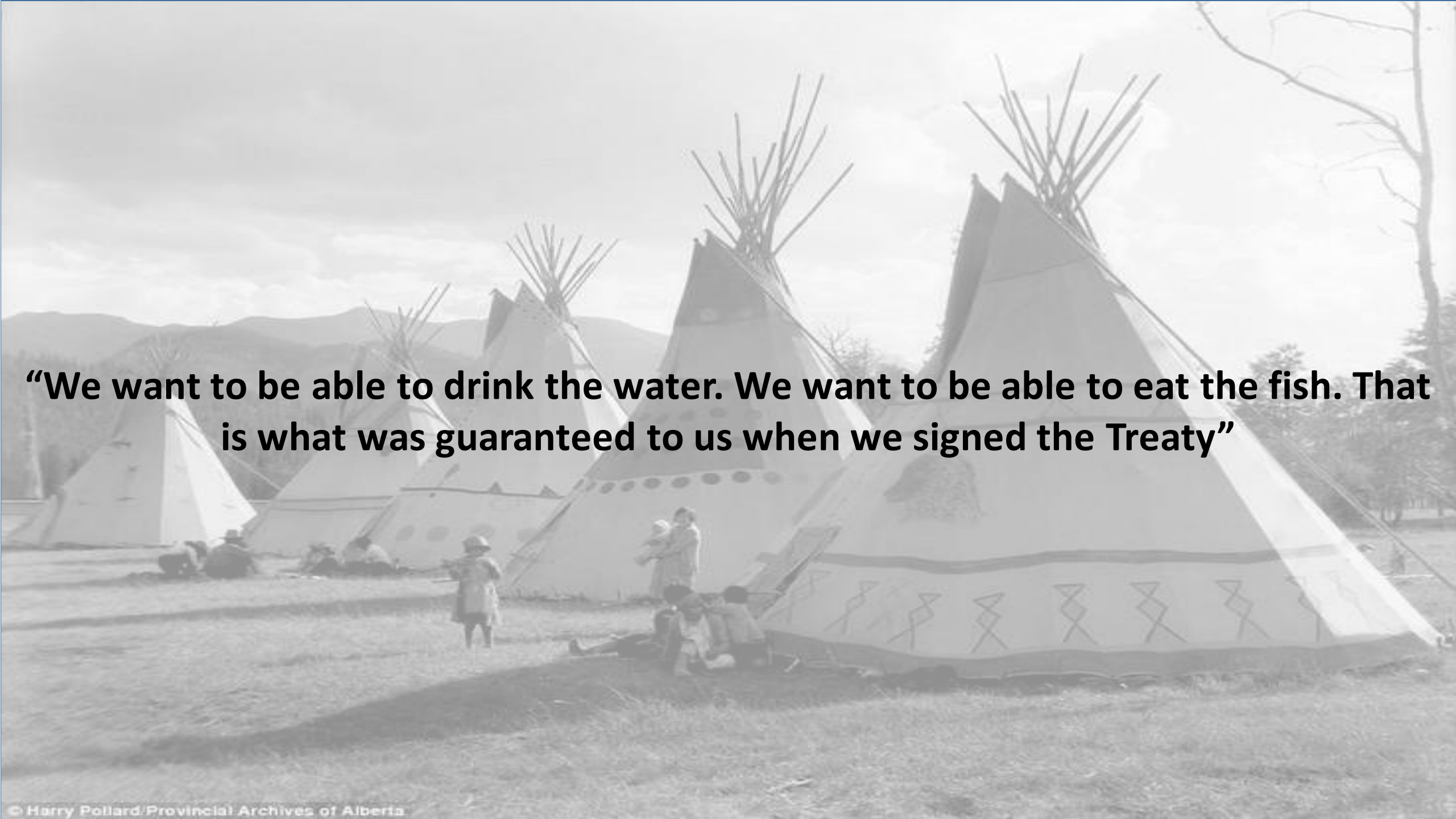
WHAT CHANGES HAVE YOU SEEN IN YOUR LOCAL WATERSHED?

THE WHO, WHAT WHERE WHEN AND WHY OF A GATHERING OF NATIONS?

# Day Two: Build technical capacity by sharing water management issues and tools



**DataStream** Mackenzie



**“We want to be able to drink the water. We want to be able to eat the fish. That is what was guaranteed to us when we signed the Treaty”**