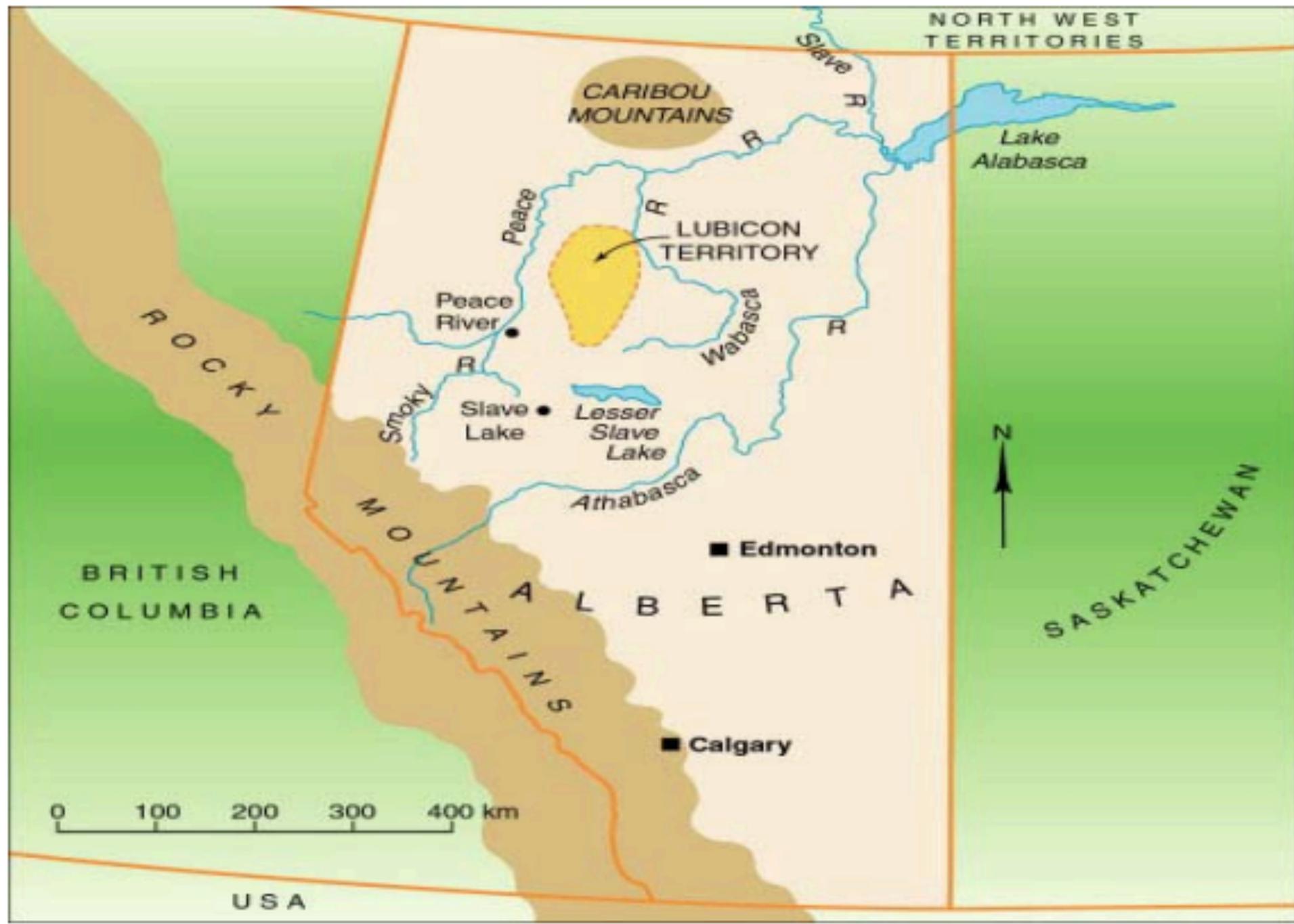


# Lubicon Cree & Haida Gwaii

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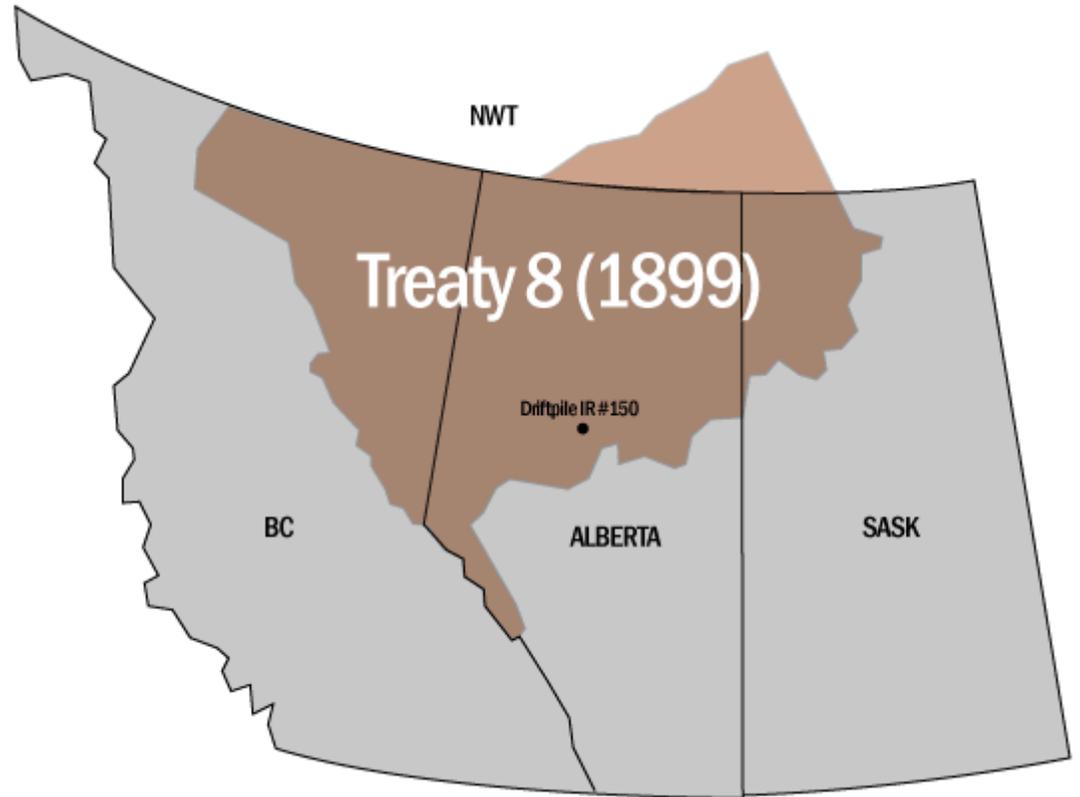
Lubicon Cree





# Factors Leading To Action

- ▶ The Lubicon wanted to settle a land claim in 1899 in Northern Alberta
- ▶ They wanted to sign Treaty 8 in 1900
  - ▶ But people surveying the land at the time mistreated them and no treaty was signed
- ▶ 1940 they are promised a reserve on their land



# Factors Leading to Action



- ▶ 1952 the provincial government discovers oil on their land
- ▶ 1971 the province builds an all weather road to the region
- ▶ The province grants leases to large oil companies on Lubicon land

# Environmental Risks

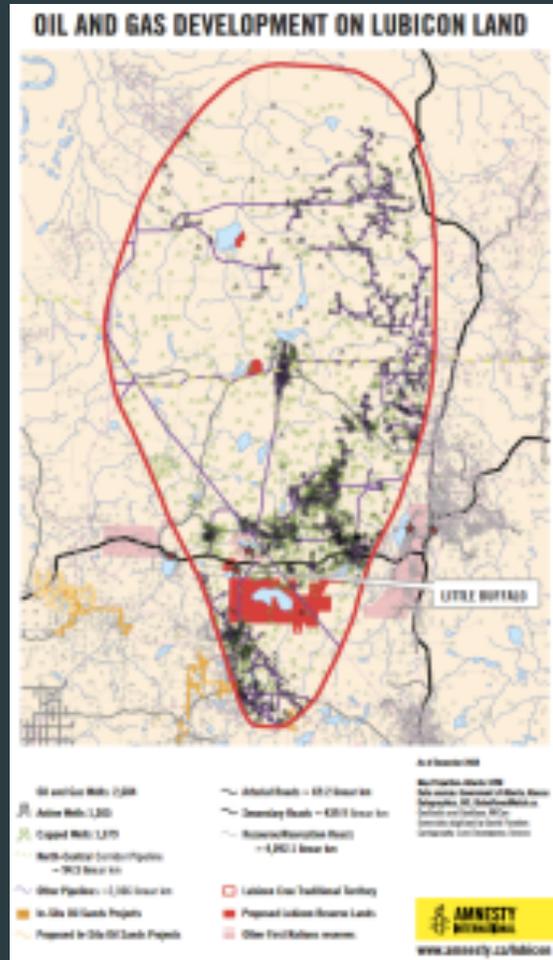
- ▶ Key ecological area between the northern woodlands and the grassland
- ▶ Irreplaceable damage of oil extraction
- ▶ Pollution to waterways
  - ▶ Lubicon still do not have clean accessible water
- ▶ Overlogging and oil sands do irreplaceable damage environment

# Indigenous Perspectives

Damaging to traditional lands

Shafted by the Federal and Provincial government

Destruction to ways of life - extreme damage to fishing/rivers



# Federal/Provincial Government Perspectives

- ▶ Motivated by the exploration of oil
- ▶ Brings a lot of money into the province
- ▶ Good for the general economy of both Canada and Alberta
- ▶ At the height of the boom Calgary issues 1 billion dollars in building permits



# Larger Population

- ▶ Motivated by oil exploration
- ▶ Alberta was 'booming' as a profitable province
- ▶ Indigenous People and 33 Museums around the world boycotted the 1988 Olympics exhibit on Indigenous People to take a stand for their land/environment
  - ▶ This drew some attention but nothing ground breaking



**Calgary '88**

- ▶ 1994: A boycott of Daishowa gains the support of 47 companies representing over 4,300 retailers, who commit to cease buying Daishowa paper products. Daishowa does not clear cut on Lubicon land while the boycott is in effect. Four years later, Daishowa agrees not to log or buy wood cut on Lubicon land until the land rights are settled. The Lubicon and supporters call off the boycott.

## Extra Tidbit:



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# Outcome



The land claim is not settled



Environmental destruction still continues



No clean drinking water is present



Lubicon individuals have not received any monetary benefit from the oil/logging

# Haida Gwaii

Now it's your turn to investigate the issue on Lyell Island!



Lets look at some pictures together first!