



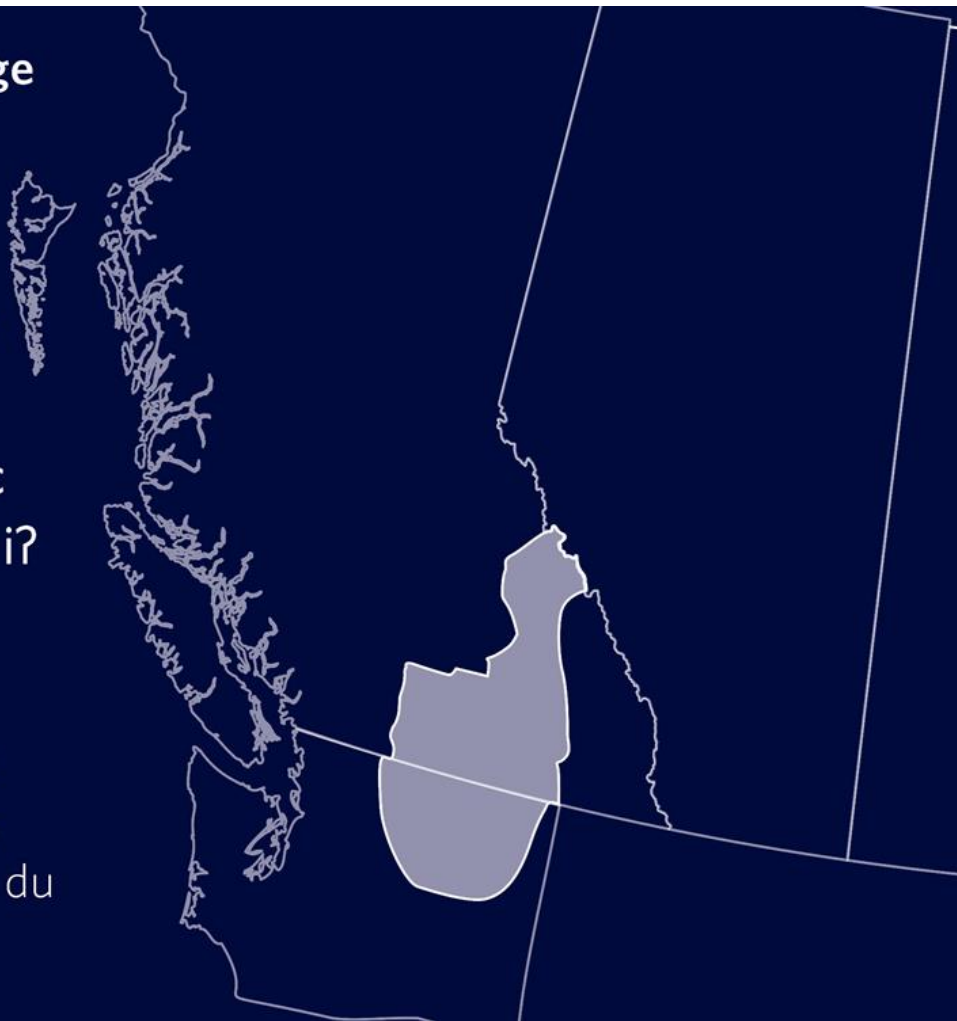
# *Oyama Isthmus and Canal*

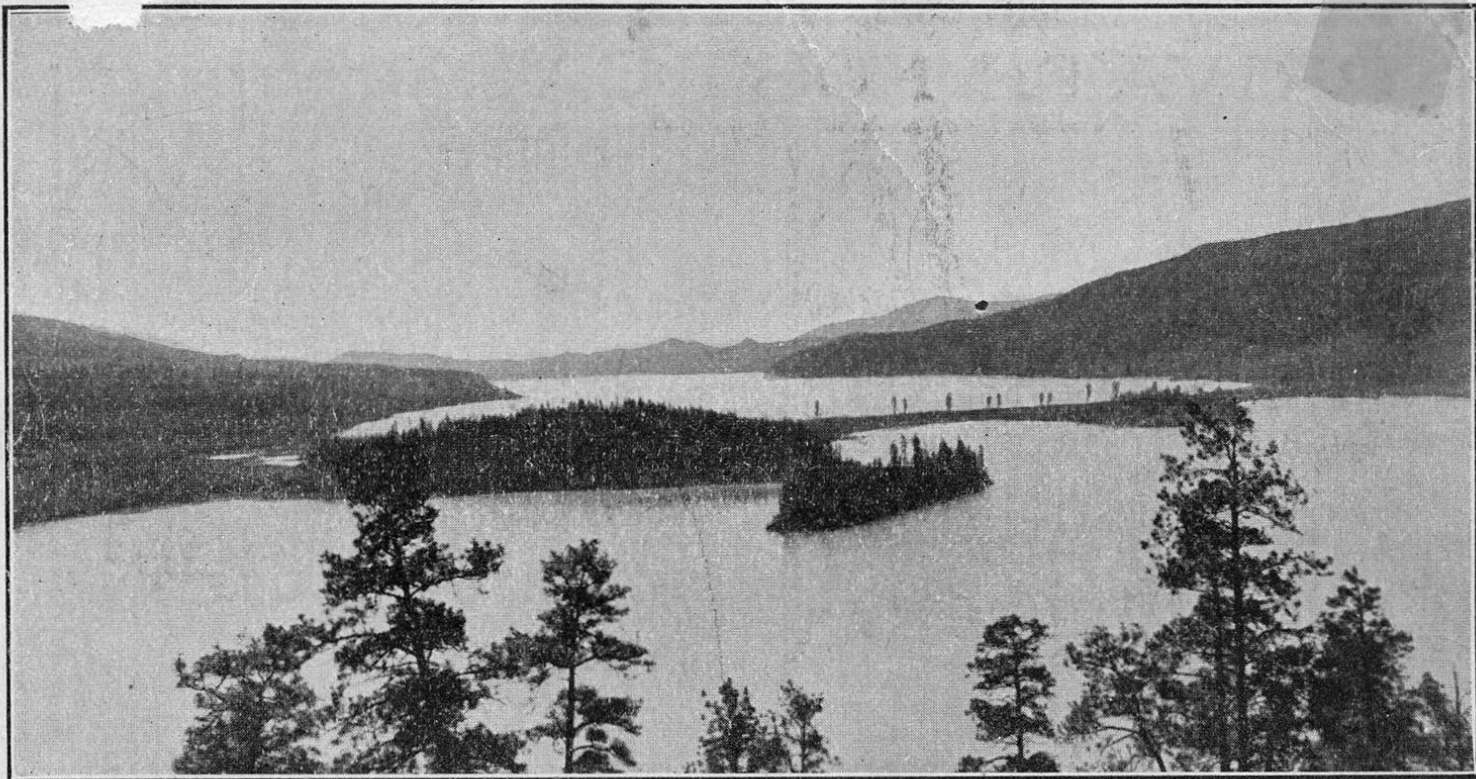
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**We respectfully acknowledge  
that the land on which  
we gather is the unceded  
territory of the  
Syilx (Okanagan) Peoples**

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Nous tenons à souligner que  
les terres sur lesquelles nous  
sommes rassemblés font partie du  
territoire non cédé des  
Syilx (Okanagan)





INTERLAKEN, showing Woodland Park on left.

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*Oyama Isthmus*



Looking down on the lake from the Range

1907

If you were in this situation, what do you think is the best way to transport your boat and goods across the land to the other lake?





Kalamalka and Woods Lake 1900-1910  
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*After the Canal was built, the lake levels dropped by about 4 feet exposing a natural shelf along the lake.*





*Oyama, bridge built over the canal*



*Oyama, bridge built over the canal, as it is today*





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- How does development affect the environment for the Isthmus?
- What do you think were some of the benefits of making the canal between the two lakes? What were some of the consequences?
- Should there be a concept of “acceptable consequences” when it comes to land development? If so, what is acceptable? If not, how do we balance needs of a community with respect to the environment?



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