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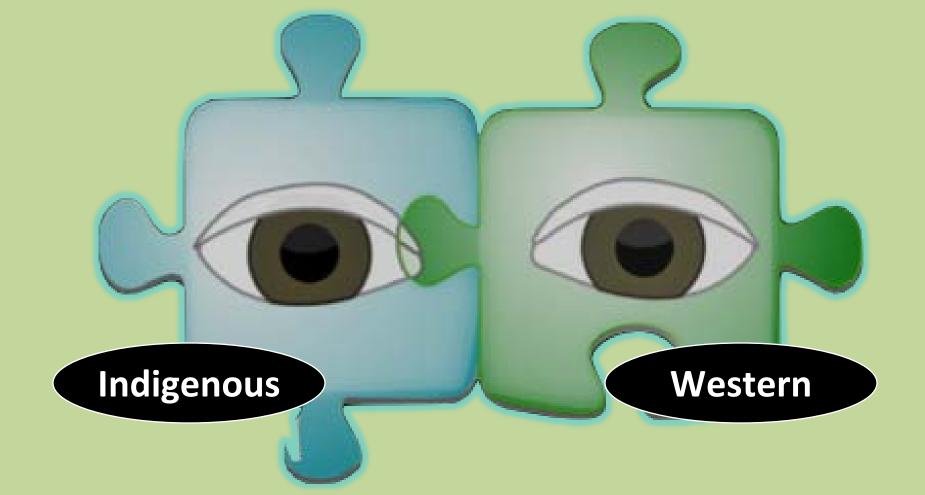


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#### **Etuaptmumk – Two-Eyed Seeing**



## Two-Eyed Seeing

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LEARN ... to see from one eye with the best in the Indigenous ways of knowing, and from the other eye with the best in the Western (or mainstream) ways of knowing

... and LEARN to use both these eyes together for the benefit of all.

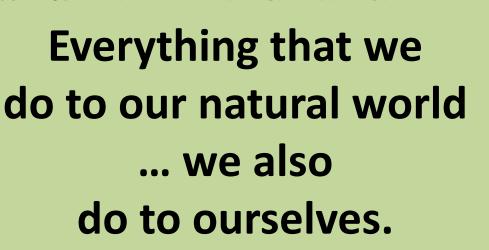
## As Elders in Our Time

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We seek to be a conduit for wisdom of our Ancestors. We seek to see with "TWO EYES" ... to take the accomplishments of the white man's ways further by blending it with the wisdom of our Ancestors.





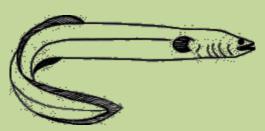




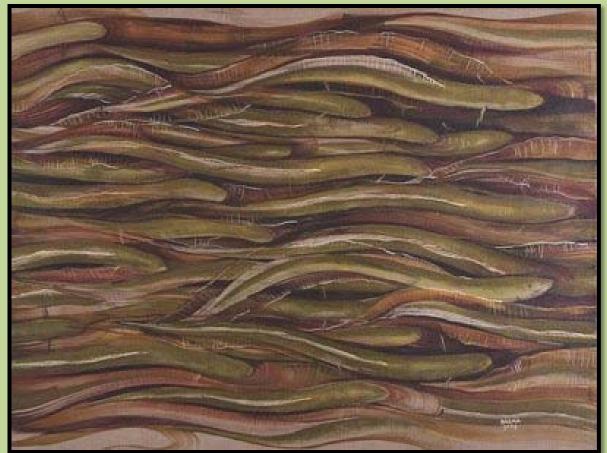


Artist Basma Kavanagh  If species become extinct, some of our relations are gone forever ...

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Eels (Kataq) are now a *Species* of Concern.



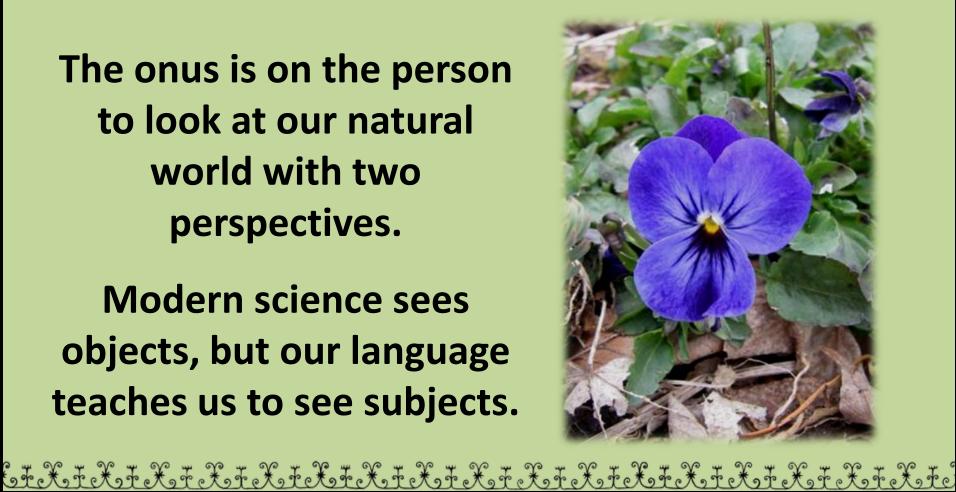
Artist Basma Kavanagh इन्हेल्स्ट्रेन्स्ट्र

**Our language teaches us** that everything alive is both physical and spiritual.

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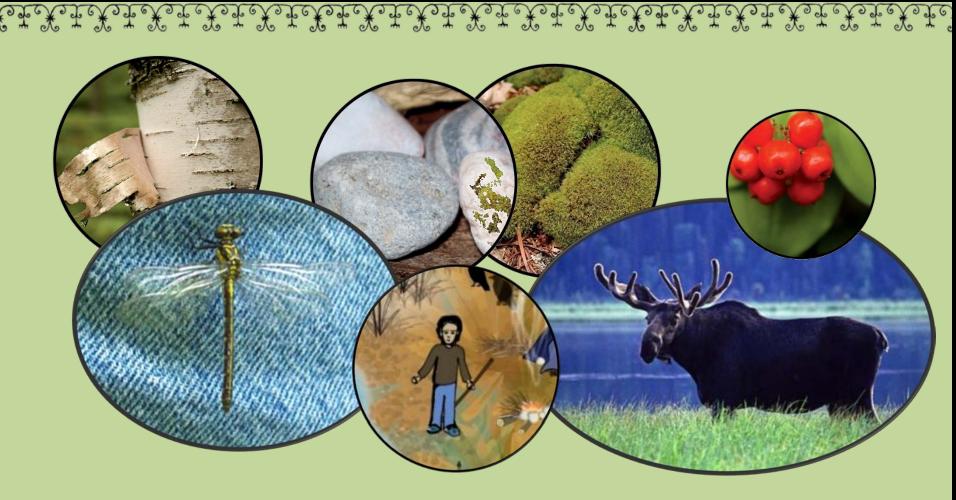
The onus is on the person to look at our natural world with two perspectives.

**Modern science sees** objects, but our language teaches us to see subjects.



We have to dissociate ourselves from the "Myth of False Security" that the industrial revolution has instilled in our minds.





#### Humans possess responsibilities.

**Other species possess rights.** 



# Consciousness of Knowing



artist Basma Kavanagh

Co-existence Interrelativeness Interconnectiveness Community Spirit ... with each other and with Mother Earth

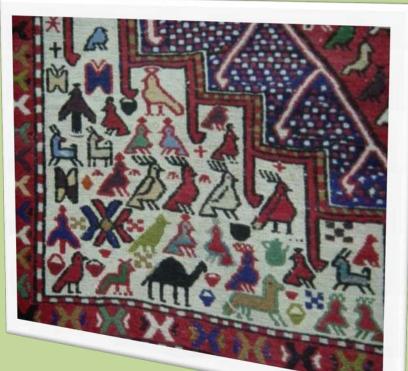
All people must learn Two-Eyed Seeing so that knowledge of the physical is not separated from wisdom of the spiritual.

## considerations: planning – policy – participation INTERCONNECTIVENESS with each other and the natural world ... our nurturing web

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(words of Elder Albert Marshall)

"If only we would spend a few moments to determine if there are possibilities for change ... to hear the **STORIES** from cultures other than our own."



"Let us find ways to share our stories."

## Wela'lioq / Thank you



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## **TWO-EYED SEEING**

#### an old-new way of bringing together different perspectives

## PART 2 INTEGRATIVE SCIENCE



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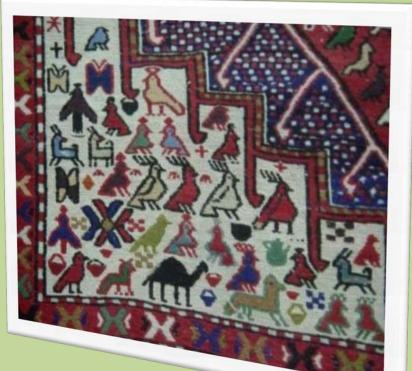
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## **Integrative Science**

Indigenous our stories

Western

"bringing our knowledges together"

Artist: Basma Kavanagh



learning to see with the <u>strengths</u> of each & together

#### **OUR KEY CONCEPTS and ACTIONS**

- respect
- relationship
- reverence
- reciprocity
- ritual (ceremony)
- repetition
- responsibility

- hypothesis

(making & testing)

- data collection
- data analysis
- model & theory construction



learning to see with the strengths of each & together

#### **OUR LANGUAGES and METHODOLOGIES**

weaving of patterns within nature's patterns via creative relationships and reciprocities among love, land, and life (vigour) that are constantly reinforced and nourished by Aboriginal languages *un-weaving* of nature's patterns (especially via analytic logic and the use of instruments) to cognitively reconstruct them, especially using *mathematical language (rigour)* and computer models



learning to see with the strengths of each & together

#### **OUR OVERALL KNOWLEDGE OBJECTIVES**

collective, living knowledge to enable nourishment of one's journey within expanding sense of "place, emergence and participation" for collective consciousness and interconnectiveness

dynamic, testable, published knowledge independent of personal experience that can enable prediction and control (and "progress")

towards resonance of understanding within environment towards construction of understanding of environment



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#### OUR WORLD

#### interconnective

beings ... interconnective and animate: *spirit + energy + matter* with

CONSTANT CHANGE within balance and wholeness

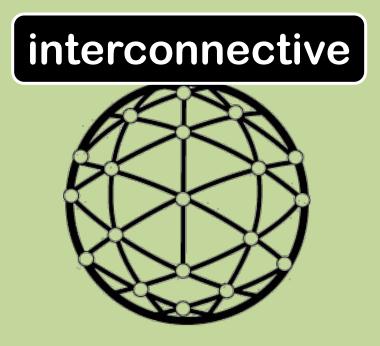
#### parts & wholes

objects ... comprised of parts and wholes characterized by systems and emergences: *energy + matter* with

EVOLUTION



#### **OUR WORLD**





parts & wholes

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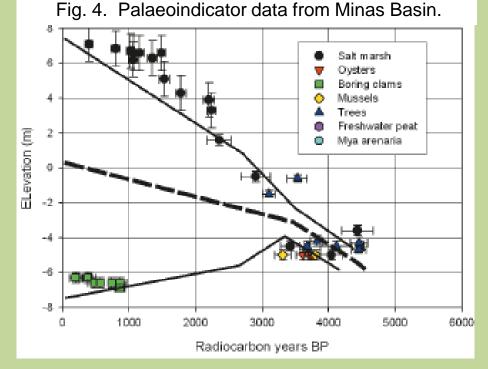
# our science stories

patterns told as stories about our interactions with and within nature ...

## Science is dynamic pattern-based knowledge.

## our science stories





NRC Press Research Journals Shaw et al. 2010; CJES 47: 1086

### towards resonance of understanding within environment

### towards construction of understanding of environment



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beginning of story Kluscap, wanting to take a bath, ordered Beaver to build a dam across the mouth of the bay to hold the ocean water so that there would be lots of water for his bath ...





end of story

... the dam broke. And it caused water to flow back and forth with such force that it continues so until this day.

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2010 ARTICLE in: Canadian Journal of Earth Sciences 47(8): 1079–1091

Catastrophic tidal expansion in the Bay of Fundy, Canada

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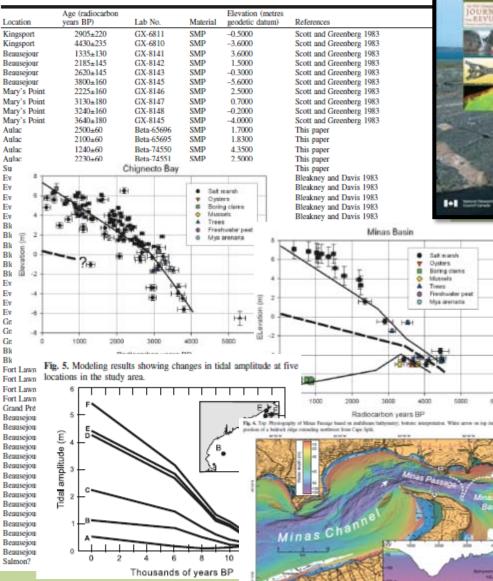
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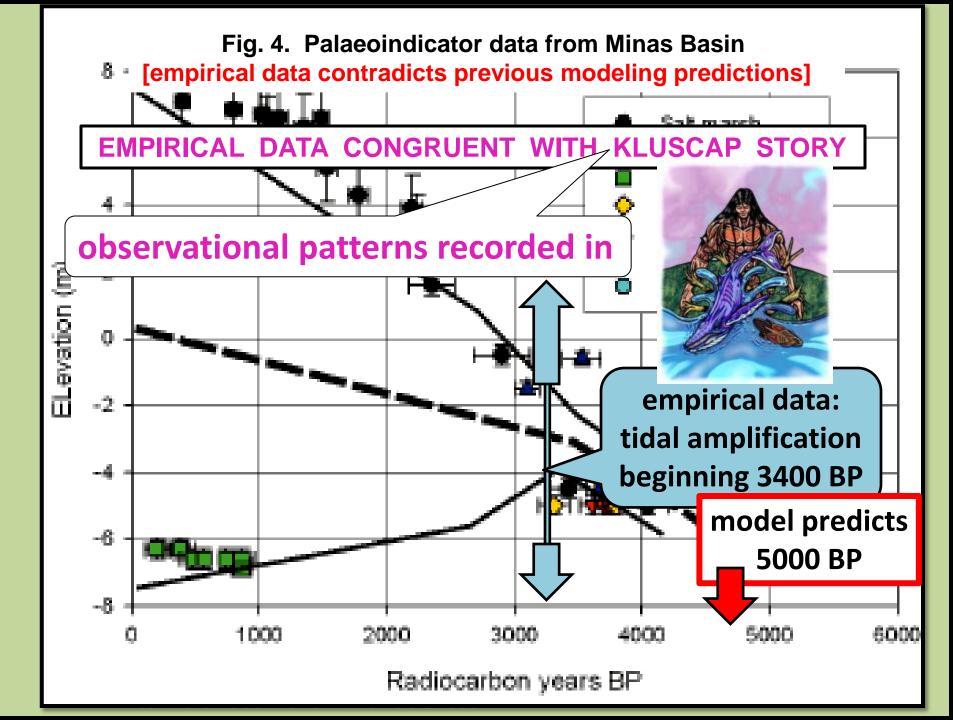
#### Table 1: Radiocarbon dates



We argue that the catastrophic breakdown of the barrier is related in the legend, ng that

showing that Aboriginal peoples observed the rapid environmental changes and preserved an oral record for 3400 years.

last sentence in ABSTRACT for: Shaw et al. 2010



# Aboriginal Knowledge science of interconnectiveness

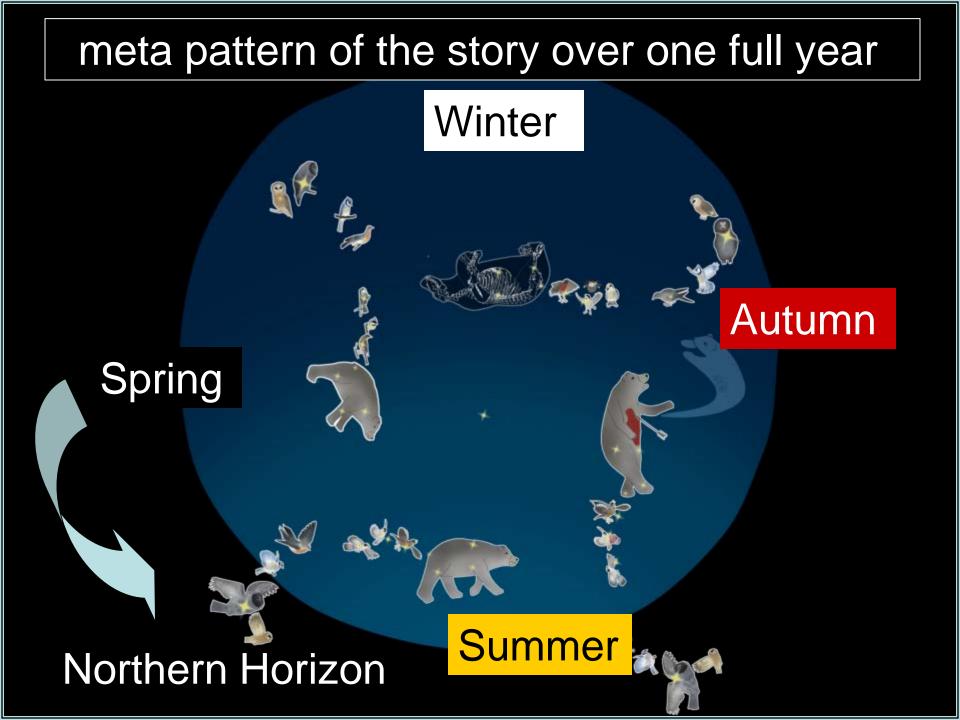
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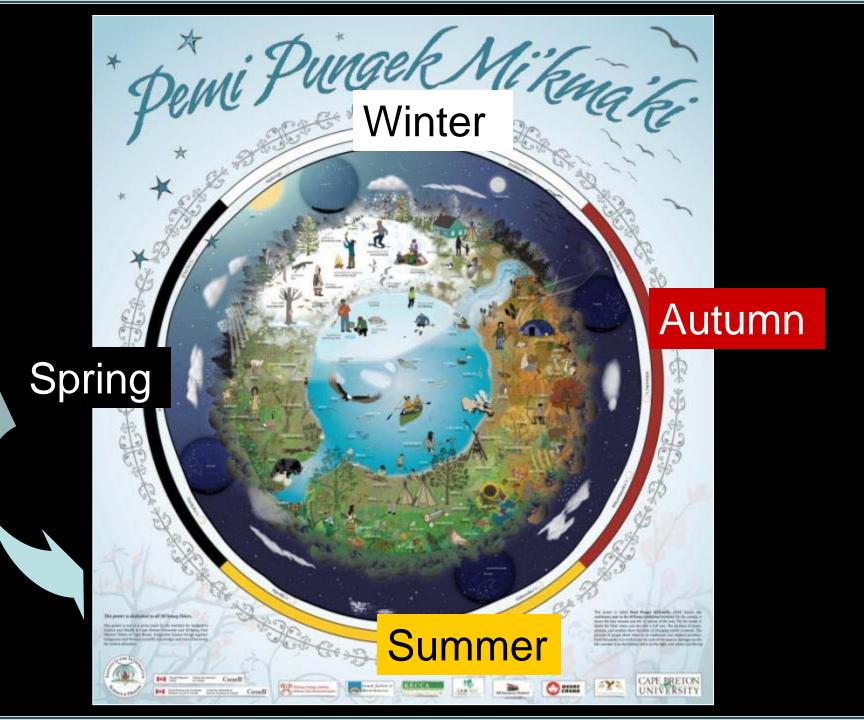
#### **Under the Stars:** Muin & Seven Bird Hunters

Muin and the Seven Bird Hunters: a Mi'kmaw Night Sky Story ... interconnectiveness of space-time-life-knowledge-spirit

Tatapn

(North Star)



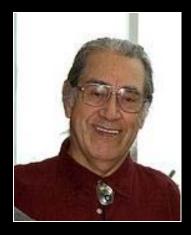


### Mi'kmaw Traditional Knowledge

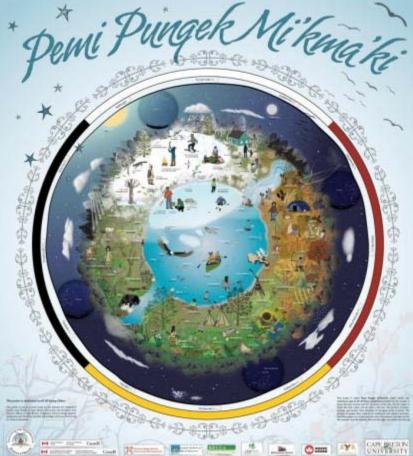


# Love is the main ingredient of wellness.

Murdena Marshall



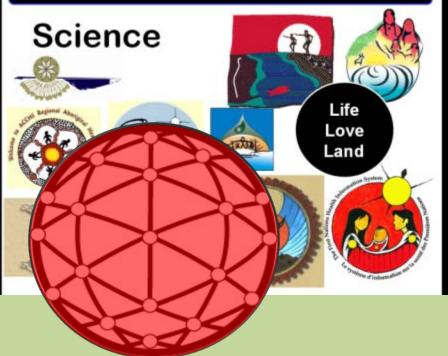
#### The voice of wellness is in the land. Albert Marshall



an old-new way of bringing together different perspectives & INTEGRATIVE SCIENCE

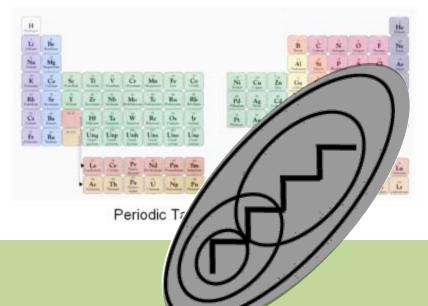


#### stories of our interactions with and within nature



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#### Science



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