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The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) is Canada's only nationwide charity dedicated solely to protecting our public lands and water. We're on guard for Canada's parks to make sure they're well-managed. In the past 50+ years, we've played a lead role in protecting over 50 million hectares – an area bigger than the entire Yukon Territory! Our vision is to protect at least half of Canada's irreplaceable wilderness – forever.

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# WHY CPAWS?

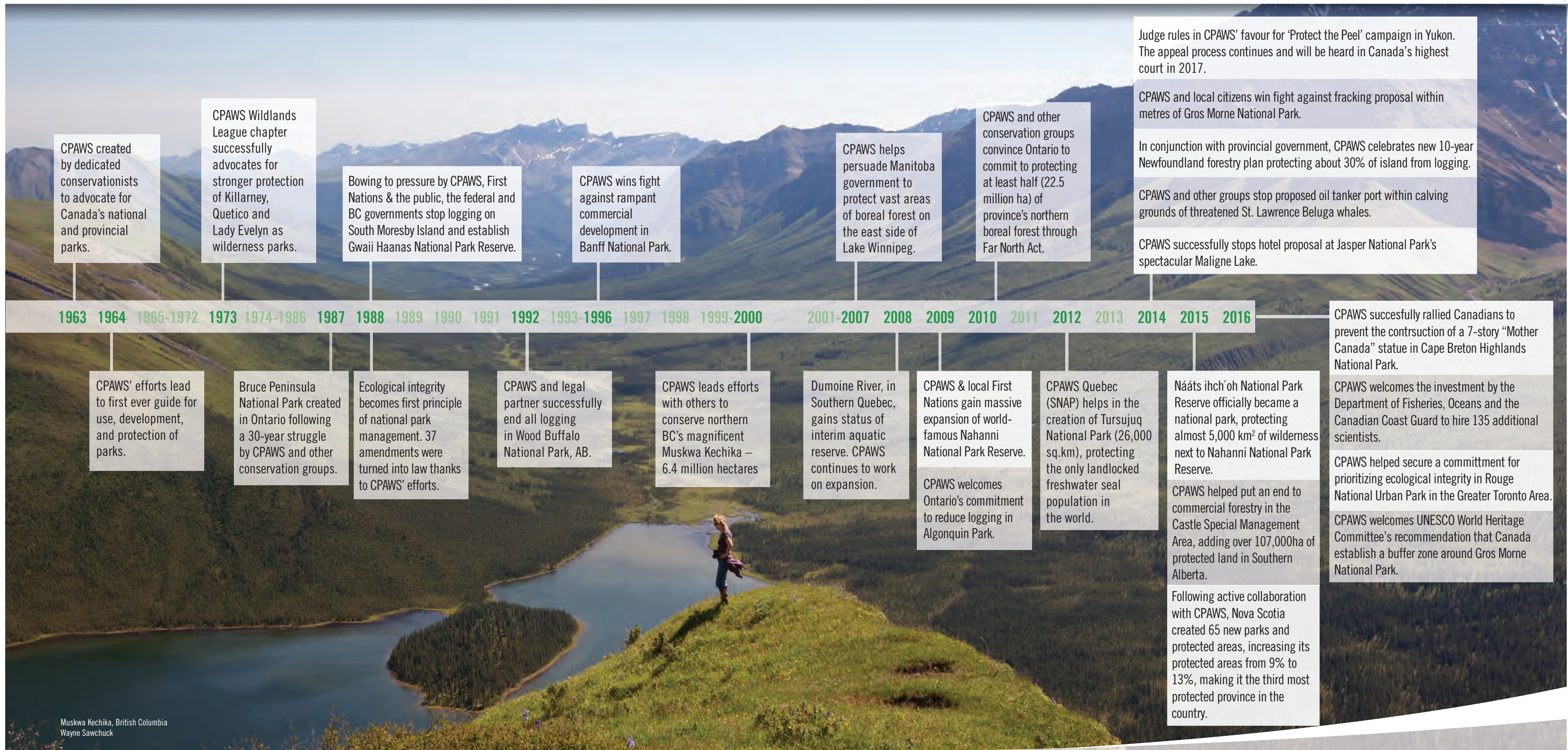
We take a science-based, rational approach to conservation.

90% of Canada's land and all of our waters are public. We focus on protecting large public wilderness areas.

We work collaboratively with governments, indigenous peoples, industry and local communities.

We advocate for new parks and protected areas, and we make sure existing ones are well-managed.

We're nationwide, with 13 local chapters across Canada, and a national presence in Ottawa.



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